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week, on pages 11-14.

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David Gregory

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match!'

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HAPPY BOND

THERE are few happier players about this season than Len Bond, the goal-keeper Brentford signed from Bristol

City in August.
"It's really nice to settle down," quips the Barrington (nr Ilminster) born 'keeper who, in three years, had loan spells from Bristol City with Exeter, Cardiff, Torquay, Scunthorpe and Colchester and also did a stint with St Louis Stars in America.

The 23-year-old Bond has certainly had his ups-and-downs in the game. As a 16-year-old with Bristol City he was involved in a training accident and there were fears for his life. He was rushed to hospital with inter-

nal bleeding but, happily was soon back in the thick of things again. Indeed, City actually brought him into their senior side when he was 17 and

still an apprentice professional.

Don't be surprised if Peter Rodrigues, skipper of Southampton's F.A. Cupwinning team, steps down to a club in a lower Division — as a player. And eventually takes over as manager.

SLIM DAVE IN NEW ROLE



CRYSTAL PALACE'S England Under-21 striker Dave Swindlehurst (above) spent the summer months on a slimming campaign to help him get a new lease of life this season — as a midfield star. "This time last term I had a weight problem," said Dave. "I never really got going up-front and towards the end of the season I was switched to midfield. "I thoroughly enjoyed it and decided I want to establish myself in that role. So this summer I was careful to keep fit to avoid any more weight problems."

• MOTHERWELL players were fined £1 CRYSTAL PALACE'S England Under-21

 MOTHERWELL players were fined £1 for every pound above three pounds over their normal playing weight when they returned from their summer lay

DESPITE the number of manage-rial changes in Scottish football since the end of last season, two clubs are continuing without a team-boss. They are Meadowbank Thistle and Stranraer, both in the Second Division. The teams are chosen by the commit-tees who run the clubs. Last season Strankaer finished fourth with 46 points. Meadowbank were fourth from bottom with 32 points, their highest total since becoming a senior club three years ago.

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GLENTORAN'S FINEST EUROPEAN HOUR

Irish League Champions Glentoran, Northern Ireland's most experienced Continental campaigners, play their 31st Euro-pean game in next Wednesday night's (September 14) First Round, first-leg Champions' Cup-tie v. Iceland kingpins Valur, in Reykjavik.



Eusebio's late equaliser denied a famous victory in 1967-68

Perhaps the Belfast part-timers' finest European hour occurred exactly ten years ago, in 1967-68, when they held Eusebio-inspired Benfica, twice Euro kings in the 1960's, to a

Champions' Cup.

In the first-leg, at The Oval, an early penalty goal by playercoach John Colrain gave The Glens a 1-0 lead they maintained until Eusebio himself levelled the scores with only

five minutes remaining.
And Glentoran shocked Benfica yet again, in the second-leg a few weeks later, when they earned a creditable 0-0 draw, in Lisbon, becoming the first team to deny the famous Portuguese outfit a European Cup goal on

their own territory.

Benfica qualified on the
"away goals" rule and went on
to reach that memorable 1968 Wembley Final, where they lost 1-4 to Manchester United.

Glentoran are favourites to overcome Valur this time out the Icelanders lost to Portadown in the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1974-75 — but, bearing in mind Northern Ireland's disastrous 0-1 World Cup setback in Reykjavik, three months ago, Arthur Stewart's men will be taking no chances in Wednesday's tie



GETTING all lit up for the season are Q.P.R. stars John Hollins (left) and Phil Parkes. If Rangers win honours this term you can bet they'll be celebrating with something more than a couple of Havana cigars.

QUICK CALL

FORTY-EIGHT hours after scoring two goals for Hibs reserves, 19-year-old Gordon Rae was signed by manager Eddie Turnbull. And 24 hours later he was on the substitutes' bench for the opening game of the season — the Premier Division clash with Motherwell at Easter Road.

Gordon's services weren't called upon during the 90 minutes but manager Turnbull rates his latest signing a real prospect.
The youngster scores most of his goals from headers and last season scored 44 goals playing for Whitehill Welfare, a secondary Juvenile team while Wolves, Hearts and Dundee United were showing an interest in him.

DAVID ESSER (Rochdale) and Jim Lawson (Halifax) will not be proud of the fact they became the first players sent-off this season. It happened when Rochdale and Halifax played against each other in the First Round, first-leg of the Football League Cun

League Cup.
Four days later they were back in the news, but this time there was a happier ending. Both players scored a goal in the second-leg clash between the two sides.

COLCHESTER'S SECRET WEAPON'



N COLCHESTER they rate centre-back Steve Dowman (above) as manager Bobby Roberts' secret weapon. Not because he stops opposing strikers getting in shots against 'keeper Mike Walker, but because Steve scores important coals himself

Scores important goals himself.

Last season he hit the back of the net 12 times and he scored again in this season's second-leg

League Cup-tie against Aldershot
— to show he had not lost his
touch during the summer break.

But the powerfully-built teenager is far too valuable at the back for United to have any notions of switching him to be an out-and-out striker, though Bobby Roberts is still hoping for another dozen goals from him.

CHEESLEY'S FIGHT FOR FITNESS

BRISTOL CITY striker Paul Cheesley hopes to be playing again next month (October). He had a second operation on his right knee in May, but didn't make the progress he expected.

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He refuses to accept the possibility the injury may eventually force him to quit soccer at the age of 23.

"There are no doubts in my mind I will play again soon," said Paul. "I'm not going to give up without a fight."

Let's hope this highly-rated young striker manages to hit his get-fit target.

Brechin City collected the biggest transfer in the club's history by selling young midfield player, Albert Kidd, to Arbroath for £10,000. It was third time lucky for Gaylield boss Albert Henderson who had two previous bids rejected. Manchester City were reported to be interested in the 19-year-old, but Arbroath stepped in.

WEST BROM striker David Cross can claim to being one of the few men ever to have moved for a club record fee three times.

His transfer from Rochdale to Nor-wich in October, 1971 was £45,000 a record for both clubs at the time, and since then he's cost Coventry and West Brom record fees, too.

Frank mourns Elvis

AMONG the thousands of people mourning the death of the King of Rock 'N Roll Elvis Presley is Leicester City striker Frank

Worthington.
Worthington, who has collected almost all of Presley's records, described the news of the singer's death as a "shattering blow which really sickened me."
Frank explained: "I have been a great Elvis fan since the age of 11, and it has always been one of my biggest ambitions to condexe Elvis on stage in I as Vegas."

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Worthington was renowned in his days with Huddersfield Town as a fine impersonator of Presley and he still does the occasional impression of Elvis for his Leicester City team-mates

'LACK OF DISCIPLINE

BRIAN CLOUGH admits Nottingham Forest are not as good as some other First Division teams but says: "We'll beat them because some sides destroy themselves by lack of discipline. "There were a couple of teams last

season that spent so much time fighting or arguing with the referee they never had time to play football.
"If other clubs have got it wrong, or

have players that cheat, that's up to them."

BRISTOL ROVERS' manager Don Meg-BKISTOL KOVEKS manager Don Meg-son recently pipped Manchester City, Car-diff and several other League clubs for the signature of 19-year-old striker Paul Ran-dall who was with Glastonbury last term. While playing for the Western League side, Liverpool-born Paul worked as assis-tant-manager of a supermarket in the town.

Said manager Megson: "I believe we are on to a winner."

HOPEFUL NISH

DERBY are to watch the progress of ex-England full-back David Nish (below) before deciding whether to splash out on another defender.

Nish, who missed most of last season because of knee trouble season because of knee trouble which required two operations, has made a great recovery. He actually scored for Derby in their opening game, against Coventry City at Highfield Road, which they lost 3-1. He is hoping he'll prove himself as good as new this term but if he breaks down, Derby are ready to spend.

spend.

Their first choice, if they need to buy, is likely to be Crystal Palace's promising youngster Ken Sansom.



LEEDS UNITED have now completed their European ban which was imposed after their fans had terrorised Paris during and after the European Cup Final

three years ago.

But the club's hopes of presenting a new image to the Continent took a knock when a few of their fans were involved in crowd trouble during a preseason friendly against Racing White in Brussels.

Nine supporters, all from Leeds, were arrested after the game. When will these idiots learn this sort of behaviour can only further damage

THE MAGIC in a name . . . season ticket sales have doubled and the turnstiles click merrily at Dundee . . . all because former Celtic and Scotland winger Jimmy Johnstone has joined them on a free transfer from Sheffield United.

Thrifty Boro

Middlesbrough finally broke the five-figure barrier in the transfer market recently when they paid around £120,000 for Wrexham's Bill Ashcroft.

Boro manager John Neal is no stranger to Ashcroft's play. He was the man responsi-ble for grooming the talented striker.

'I WANT TO PLAY IN **ENGLAND'** says Bohemian's



A star in Hong Kong

FORMER Rangers and Scotland star Wee Willie Henderson is still in the money and among the trophies ... even though he is now well into his 30's. Willie, an all-time favourite at Ibrox in the late Fifties and early Sixties, is now doing his stuff for Caroline Hill in Hong Kong

They are one of the colony's top clubs and regularly get gates of 80,000. They have just won the island's top trophy, the Viceroy Cup, and Willie has been named as Hong Kong's Player of the Year.

Incredibly, the team-manager is a WOMAN called Veronica Chiu.

But she obviously knows her football because, apart from winning matches, she is reputed to be millionairess. And her players regularly pick up win bonuses of £250.

So the lbrox faithful can rest assured

their one-time hero is still in clover. But they wouldn't be happy about seeing Willie run on to the pitch now . . . Caroline Hill play in green-and-white hoops, the colours of Glasgow Celtic!



PLEASED, but not exactly shocked; that's how Ronnie Allen felt after being appointed West Bromwich Albion's new manager, a job to which he was narrowly beaten six years ago by pon Howe and two years ago by Don Howe and two years ago by Johnny Giles. "That's life," said the 47-year-old former Albion favourite, who is now determined to prove the job was worth wait-

ing for.
What tipped the scales in Ronnie Allen's favour this time?
"I would think, working closely

with John Giles and having been involved with the Albion for nearly

"John and I see the game in very much the same vein. He plucked me out of the soccer wilderness by asking me if I would like to help out on the scouting side; he gave me carte blanche to go where I liked and recommend whom I liked. He backed my judgment and

this was very flattering.
"I recommended Laurie Cunningham to John and we went to see him play a couple of times. Unfortunately, the grounds were bad - one was covered in ice and the other was thick with mud — and although Laurie didn't have a and although Laurie didn't have a chance to show his extraordinary skills, at least Giles had seen him play beforehand and, on my recommendation, he went ahead and signed him. Laurie is just a natural in everything he does.

"Contract? I find contracts inhibiting and I prefer to work without one. Whenever I've been offered top jobs before I've always.

offered top jobs before I've always been stopped from taking them because I was under contract to somebody else. If I do well, no doubt they'll offer me one; if it's good enough, then I'll accept it.
"I've got 100 per cent control.

can do what I like and recommend what I like. If there's a player I want, the board will back my judg-ment and the club will provide the

money.
"I don't see any problems at all from the managerial point of view at the Albion. They let the manager get on with the job."

How will the new boss at The

Hawthorns replace Johnny Giles on the field?

There are one or two things I can do. I can go out and try to buy someone who plays in a similar vein, but obviously you're not going to find another Johnny Giles round the corner.



Laurie Cunningham (left) joined Albion on Ronnie Allen's (top of page) recom-mendation. Johnny Giles (above) did a great job in his two years at The Hawthorns

ity, and the game has got to be

played to bring the spectators in.
"Johnny Giles started something good here in the last two
years and it would be foolish for
anybody to come in and begin
again. John and larged on the basics, so there's no problem. Obviously I'm not saying I will make *no* changes. Indeed there'll certainly be one or two innova-tions, but they will be small rather than large.

Ronnie, born in Stoke, was for-merly boss of Wolves, Bilbao, Sporting Lisbon and Walsall and has spent four years in the com-mercial world. "It's the greatest education I've had," he says, "with regard to helping me become a successful manager. There's very little difference between the management of staff and the management of players. The only thing is on a Saturday you've got to make sure your team puts the ball into the net more times than the opposition.

"As soon as I get to know the individual players I shall know how to motivate them or how to look after them.

"Although I won't be on the pitch and as I've said it will be hard to replace Johnny Giles on the field, I'm in a better position than John to look at the match overall from off the park because I can see 360 degrees, whereas John could see only 180 degrees. I think there's an advantage in sitting above the match because you can get an overall picture for tactical

planning.
"I don't like sitting in dug-outs. You see stocking tops and you get involved in the game too much. I think it's up to the manager to be as cool, calm and collective as possible so he can go in at half-time and talk in a rational manner.

'If you get close to the field you can be involved with linesmen, referees and shouting. I think I can best serve my team and my club by sitting in the stand. I've experienced sitting on benches in foreign lands and sitting in the stands in England and I know from where I'm best able to do my job."



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This week's Star Letter comes from Jerry Clark of Bromley in Kent, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

THE HYPOCRITICAL F.A.

THE F.A.'s decision to charge Don Revie with bringing the game into disrepute is sheer

hypocrisy.
After all, the same directors who are on the F.A. committee see fit to sack managers at will at club level.

When soccer bosses are made to feel their jobs are insecure, it's hardly surprising they're keen to seek a job elsewhere. This is what happened with Don Revie and he is not blameless, but

the F.A. contradicted themselves completely.

Didn't they sack Sir Alf Ramsey three years ago? And, if I remember rightly, news of this leaked to the Press before the official announcement.

Now it's the other way round, the F.A. are angry. In any organisation, it's the people at the top who must take the responsibility and look at their own shortcomings before blaming those below them.

• This "bringing the game into disrepute" is a farcical charge. It can be interpreted in so many ways that nobody in football can feel safe. The F.A. are annoyed with Revie - perhaps rightly so. But if they channelled their efforts into other directions instead of getting involved with a petty feud, English soccer could be all the better. Or else, as some wag said: "If the F.A. aren't careful they'll be charging themselves for bringing the game into divers for bringing the parties." into disrepute through appointing Revie initially!"

Pitch Invasion

DOZENS of happy cricket fans mobbed Geoff Boycott after he had scored his 100th century.

A fine achievement . . . but if

soccer fans had rushed on to the pitch after a similar occasion, they'd be in trouble and, probably, so would their club.

PAUL STEWART, LEUCHARS, FIFE.

 The supporters at Headingley didn't start fighting or ripping the turf up or causing thousands of pounds-worth of damage. They didn't chant obscenities, and there is a major difference between natural enthusiasm and a mobinvasion.

Kevin Keegan

ALTHOUGH I'm an Everton sup-porter I think it's a shame Kevin Keegan has gone from SHOOT. I found his column very interesting.

On the other hand, now he's in Hamburg he won't be such a thorn in Everton's side during the Merseyside derbies!

D. HALL WIGTON.

WAS deeply upset to read Kevin Keegan was leaving SHOOT. Your magazine always gave the impression that although Kevin was going abroad, he'll keep in touch regularly.
I feel readers should have a full

explanation from the Editor as to why Kevin isn't writing any more. Was it his decision or SHOOT'S?

I must say, however, you have a good replacement in Ray Clem-

ANDY DALE, SPILSBY.

 Kevin has been our most suc-cessful, and popular, columnist.
 Unfortunately, we have been un-able to arrange a monthly series of articles from him now that he has moved to the Continent, where he is in tremendous demand from the media in many countries. However, we hope to relay to readers information about him and his club through our contacts in West Germany. Kevin has great loyalty to SHOOT and its readers, and if ever he returns to the Football League will resume as a regular contribu-tor. — DAVID GREGORY, Editor.

Alan Ignored

HE OLD saying "no player is bigger than the club" has

finally been disproved.

Arsenal's Alan Hudson has been almost ignored since the "Australia affair", yet Malcolm Macdonald has been forgiven and welcomed back.

weren't both players

treated the same?
BRYAN DAVIES,
WEST PONTNEWYDD.

• They were. Both were sent home, and suspended. The difference is Macdonald has put it all behind him, while Hudson seems to take every opportunity he can to tell reporters how much he wants to leave Arsenal.

Exchange

HELLO, you Liverpool fans! I would like to correspond with a fan of the Anfield club and exchange pennants. I'm 15.

JOHN LEJEUNE,

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OT only does a footballer have to adjust to playing against teams with different styles, strengths, and weaknesses, he also has to prepare himself to perform in different surroundings.

No two grounds are the same. Each has its own particular atmosphere, created by so many things. The locality for one, the attitude of the fans and their number, the buildings and their design, the facilities, and the pitch itself.

In the First Division there are no bad grounds, but some are ahead of the rest in just about everything, while many have a particular outstanding aspect.

To me, the finest all-round are Old Trafford, home of Manchester United; Highbury, The Gunners' base; and our own Anfield at Liverpool. They are extra-special.

Immediately imposing, the mere

sight of them generates excitement and expectancy in fans and players

converging on match day.

Arsenal pioneered the development of grounds through the drive and vision of the great Herbert Chapman, their manager in the Thirties who not only took The Gunners to a hat-trick of Championships but introduced so many ideas which have become common practice today.

His bust has pride of place in that marble hall that never fails to impress and awe me whenever I enter Highbury.

I prefer grounds that are com-pletely enclosed. It helps concent-ration and is more stimulating

because the noise is held in by the stands. I also like the crowd to be close up to the pitch.

Goodison, the ground of Everton, our Merseyside rivals, is disappointing in these respects. There are paddocks in front of the stands, one of which is so high players must look like midgets to the fans up in "The Gods", and large semi-circles behind the goals. These, I believe, appeared just before the World Cup Finals in 1966.

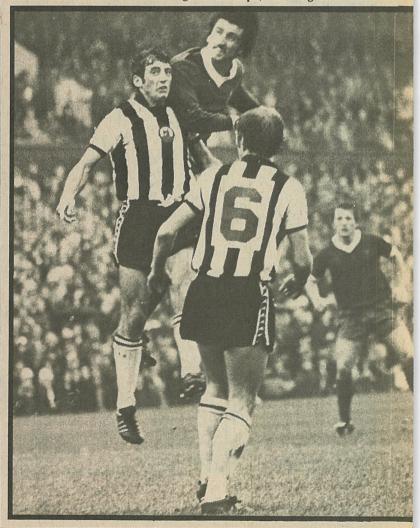
I suppose the most important feature of a ground is the pitch itself. Amongst our opponents in the First I'd select the playing surfaces of Aston Villa, and both Manchester clubs as the best.

At one time I would have included Ipswich, but Portman Road has deteriorated in recent years and becomes very soft in winter.

Q.P.R., West Ham and Derby also tend to resemble mud patches in mid-season. In fact, Loftus Road was unplayable on many occasions last season, with the result that games were regularly postponed and the club built up a heavy backlog of fixtures.

Derby have spent a great deal of money on their pitch with little success. As the season wore on they spread more and more sand on it in an ineffective attempt to soak up the water, and the surface looked

like a huge sand dune at the finish.
Hull City, in the Second Division,
have a pitch that wouldn't disgrace a bowling green. I played on it with Scunthorpe, the England Under-



23's, and in the League Cup with Liverpool.

As far as facilities for players are concerned, I have no complaints with any of the clubs in the top bracket. They all provide us with everything we need behind the scenes, although some are not quite up to the same high standard as the others.

The only minor criticism I have of

Manchester United is that the changing-rooms are a bit on the small side.

At Q.P.R. I miss the huge communal bath because they're equipped with showers and a small, one-man bath that I assume is reserved for their goalscorer!

I prefer to have a good soak after a match — especially if I've taken a bad knock — followed by an invigorating shower. I try not to be superstitious, but I've always regarded White Hart Lane as my "lucky" ground. I've consistently played well there and helped The Reds to some good results over Spurs.

Unfortunately, we shan't be going there this time round, as they were relegated to the Second Division. I wish them a speedy return — and not just because I want my luck to continue.

They're a loss to the First with their tradition, sporting, appreciative crowd, a young side with great potential, and a first-class ground that's a pleasure to visit.

My bogey grounds? Birmingham's St. Andrews and Newcastle's St. James' Park. I suppose I'd pick St. James' Park as my least favourite. I think we've had one decent result in the past four years there.

It always seems to be pouring and blowing a gale-force wind. A windy city all right.

Two years ago, if my memory serves me correctly, we had a game called off through the wind. In the morning the ref kicked a ball from one 18-yard box, and with only one bounce it sailed clean over the opposite crossbar!

I recently mentioned this to one

On the credit side, Newcastle now have one of the most modern, well-equipped stadiums in the country, since their development scheme was completed a little while back.

Coventry City set a trend with their modernisation of Highfield Road, but so far have not built a team that does it justice.

Wembley, England's showcase, is old-fashioned looking, yet can house 100,000 people in covered comfort and has facilities backstage comparable to many other international grounds.

My only complaint is, as you would expect, the wide gap between touch-lines and crowd — which doubles as a speedway and dog track — something which favours foreign sides as they are accustomed to it.

For this reason I'd like to see the venue changed to somewhere like Old Trafford or Anfield, where conditions could unsettle the opposition.

Several of the foreign venues I've played in have been awe-inspiring. In March, 1976, we beat Barcelona in their Nou Camp Stadium, an incredible place. The pitch was so immaculate I'd swear each blade of grass had been individually cut.

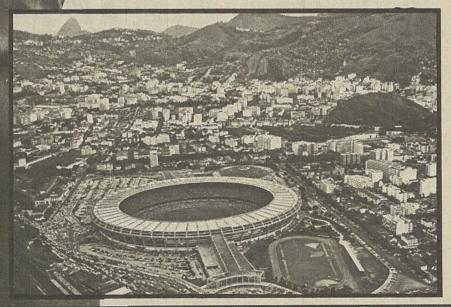


of our reserves, who capped my story by saying that in their game last season a player was actually allowed to hold the ball to prevent it being blown away while another player took a free-kick.

EVERY GROUND IS DIFFERENT,

LEFT: 'St. James' Park — one of my bogey grounds'. Action from 1976-77, when Liverpool lost 0-1.

RIGHT: 'The Maracana Stadium, in Brazil, lived up to expectations'.



In a pre-season friendly against Borussia Dortmund, a few seasons ago, we were astounded by the massive size of our dressing-room. We felt we needed a loud-hailer to talk to each other across the room. Next door were a dozen showers in a row and beyond that a bath the size of a swimming pool.

The Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, which I believe holds the record for crowd attendance — almost 200,000 — lived up to expectations when we played Brazil in the summer with its vastness and crowd fervour.

Fans there don't chant, but steel bands play continuously. At times I felt like dancing in the penalty-area. That was in the first-half, when we did all the attacking. In the second, the Brazilian players made me dance to their tune!

An interesting amenity in the dressing-rooms were pipes which pump in oxygen when players collapse after performing in that stifling heat.

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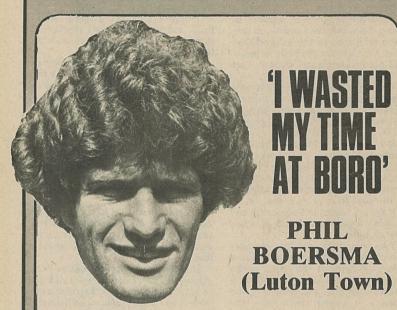
This week I'm playing at the ground I love best — Anfield, naturally — in a League match against Coventry City.

Last season we won 3-1. A repeat of our score — and a clean sheet from me — would be welcome this time.

Till next week —

Lay Stemow

TWO TRANSFERRED PLAYERS WHO'VE DROPPED A DIVISION AIM TO BOUNCE BACK THIS TERM



DHIL BOERSMA is experiencing Second Division football for the first time with Luton Town but if the ex-Liverpool and Middlesbrough man realises his ambition, he will be back in the top flight next

May.
"More than anything else, I want "More than anything else, I want to help in making Luton successful promotion candidates," says Phil. "Last season they blew their chances of getting into the First Division by their results at Easter and finished in sixth place.

"Our manager, Harry Haslam, has given me a roving commission up-front, in a role I prefer — making and scoring goals. I'll be playing alongside John Aston and Jimmy Husband, and my pre-season outings with Luton convinced me that I'll enjoy my football here.

"In a way, with the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had left Liverpool for Luton without spending 18 months with Middlesbrough. Looking back, I realise my spell at Ayresome was time wasted, because I never really settled there.

'Leaving Liverpool was a wrench for me, though in the circumstances prevailing at the time I was ready to go. But with Jack Charlton, then managing Middlesbrough, having different ideas to my own on how I should be used, I felt out-of-touch and lost confidence.

"Scoring goals"

"Though there was a time when I was happy at Ayresome. David Mills and I were playing up-front together, linking up and scoring goals, and Middlesbrough went to the top of the League.

It was later, when Boro slumped

It was later, when Boro slumped following their brief spell at the head of the table, that Boersma began to feel frustrated.
"The manager had changed our line-up from a 4-4-2 to 4-3-3, and things were not going so well for the team or myself. And when Alf Woods came as a striker to Middleshrough. I seemed to fell out of brough, I seemed to fall out of favour. But Jack Charlton was entitled to run the side his way."

Phil, making his assessment of Middlesbrough's future title prospects, and Luton's hopes of Division One status, has clear-cut views.

"The new manager at Middlesbrough, John Neal, naturally needs time to impress his own views and tactics on his team. But I think he will find it will take a while to change the ideas adopted by the players under Jack Charlton, and though Middlesbrough had a very successful close-season tour in Australia, picking up weekly League points is a different proposi-

"Competition"

"Here at Luton we have a young side, and can expect tremendous competition from other teams for a place in the top three. It goes without saying that the teams who have been relegated from the First Division are entitled to respect if only

because they were playing top-class football until recently.

"In particular, a big club such as Sunderland should be among the leaders, and Spurs could do well.

"Then Southampton, after unsuccessful attempts to get out of the Second Division during the last three seasons, could improve on

their past performances.
"So Luton have a job ahead of them, but we are all optimistic, and from a personal point of view I'm anxious to prove myself."

Through the years, Luton have

earned themselves a unique place in soccer history. The Hatters are the sole club relegated from the First to the Fourth Division ever to regain their place in the top flight, which they did in 1974.

Then they were relegated to Division Two again in 1975, and in the early Sixties they dropped through all four sections in five years.

But Phil Boersma is not anticipating such drastic changes of fortune for Luton during the next few seasons.

He says: "Concentrating on winning games until next Spring is sufficient for now."

OR THREE seasons, Southampton have cherished hopes of returning to the First Division, but without success. Now the promotion aspirations of the Saints could receive the all-important boost from a partnership which has worked so well in the past - Boyer and Mac-Dougall.

York, Bournemouth and Norwich are the three clubs which have previously benefited from the goal-scoring activities of Ted Mac-Dougall and Phil Boyer. And it is because of their previous associa-tion that the international duo is linked together for the fourth time,

at Southampton.
Phil explains: "I was very much influenced in joining Southampton by the fact that Ted was with them. I before, and if we can come up with a repeat performance, that will be great." knew that we had hit it off together

But if promotion is achieved at The Dell, Boyer stresses that it will be a team-effort and not a two-man

"Alan Ball and Peter Osgood are class players with the experience we need, together with the talented youngsters we have in the side. On paper, Southampton look pretty impressive, but of course we must deliver the goods on the field.

"For myself, I anticipate finding it harder work in the Second Division perhaps there isn't the class there that there is in the First, but there is more grit and determination involved."

Although Phil would be the last man to say it, he has undoubtedly had a beneficial effect on the play of Ted MacDougall. Ted, who had spells at Liverpool and York, developed an already established relationship with Boyer when they were both at Bournemouth.

It was at Bournemouth, in the Third Division, that MacDougall really hit the headlines with his goalscoring. Later, Ted moved to Man-chester United and West Ham without making the hoped-for impact, before being reunited with Phil, this time at Norwich - and their double act helped to take City into the First Division in 1975.

Boyer says: "We each have our own style. I prefer to play wider than Ted, who goes through the middle more than I do — yet we seem to complement each other."

Certainly, MacDougall knows exactly where to be to take fullest advantage of the opportunities created by the skilful, darting, aggressive play of his partner.

"I'm hoping we can do our bit towards putting Southampton into the top three," says Phil. "That is my biggest ambition.

"Obviously, in his team-building, our manager Lawrie McMenemy is aiming for results, and I'm anxious for us to get them. Though I don't feel there is any more pressure on me here than there would be anywhere else."

While Boyer is aware of the mutual benefit he and MacDougall derive from their playing association, he is also grateful to the assistance and advice on his career that he received from John Bond, who was manager at Norwich when Phil became the first City player to be awarded a full cap for England.

"John Bond made me the player I am, and I'll never forget what I learned from him — he is a man I

respect.

Here at Southampton, I believe that if we are able to blend experience and youth together we should be able to pick up the points — and the big thing is to do this regularly, stay consistent."

If Saints can strike a winning vein the old spearhead of Boyer and MacDougall should blossom — for the fourth time.

ACT BACK IN BUSINESS

PHIL BOYER (Southampton)



SHOOT:

Spurs, relegated last season, opened the new campaign at home to Sheffield United. After 27 minutes, and trailing 1-0, the London club hit back and scored an equaliser from John Duncan. His teammates celebrate the goal. More celebrations followed The Lilywhite's 4-2 win.



Compiled by STAN LOVER, President of the London Referees' Society

You have awarded a free-kick for dangerous play by a defender outside the penalty-area. The ball is kicked direct into goal. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) have the kick retaken?

An attacker is standing level with a defender, on the goal-area line, with only the 'keeper between him and the goal, when the ball is passed to him. He scores. Do you award (a) a goal or (b) a free-kick for

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A defending player shows you stud marks on a leg received after an opponent's challenge. The ball has gone over the goal-line for a corner-kick. Only three minutes remain for play. Do you (a) take no action, (b) dismiss the opposing player if his studs are found to be dangerous or (c) send him off to have the studs corrected?

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When the ball is in play, in the penalty-area, a defender runs over the touchline and pushes a linesman. You stop play and dismiss him. Do you then restart with (a) a penalty-kick, (b) a drop-ball or (c) an indirect free-kick in the penalty-area?





A: When the players are kicking in before the start of a match, an argument develops and you dismiss a player for swearing at a team-mate.



B: The team captain wants to replace the dismissed player with a substitute but you refuse.

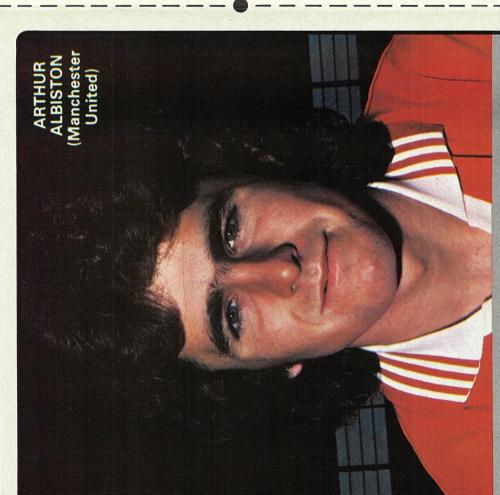


C: Later a player of the same team is injured. This time you allow him to be replaced by a sub. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS

his studs (c). 5. The problem is in B. A player dismissed before the start of a match may be replaced. In A you have the authority to dismiss any player BEFORE the match commences. In C this is a correct and normal substitution.

1. Award a goal-kick (b) because the award for dangerous play is an INDIRECT free-kick. 2. The attacker is offside (b) because he does not have at least two opponents BETWEEN himself and the goal-line. 3. Restart with a drop-ball (b) in the penalty-area. 4. Although only three minutes remain the player should be sent-off, temporarily, to correct



MAN OF THE FINAL RESERVE BECAME

A LBISTON hit the headlines when United full-back Stewart Houston suffered a bro-

ken ankle a couple of weeks before their F.A.

Cup Final date with Liverpool.

'I felt very sorry for Stewart when the injury he suffered meant he would miss the Final, but deep down I was over the moon when the boss, Tommy Docherty, told me I was in the

"As for the game itself, I was very nervous until the whistle went to start the game and

"I got a good tackle on Liverpool's Steve then I settled down.

Heighway early on. After that, I hardly remember much about the game — it seemed to be over too quickly for me." After the game, the then-manager, Docherty, was over the moon with his youngster's performance. He commented: "Why did we win? Because Martin Buchan and Brian Greenhoff were superb at the back, and young Arthur Albiston was sensational.

"He's still only 19, but what a performance he turned on out there. He was my man of the Final. No wonder he was in tears at the end. He was brilliant."

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W E could probably fill an entire booklet with the sensations Bestie has caused during his stormy career. For one reason or another his name has rarely been out of the headlines.

sticks in his mind most and sticks in his mind most and he'll tell you it was Manchester United's surprise European Cup-tie victory over mighty Benfica in Lisbon in 1966. Surprise? Well, Benfica were virtually invincible on their own ground and opponents were usually overawed by the illustrious Portuguese.

Portuguese.
United didn't just win—they thrashed Benfica 5-1.
Best recalls: "It was

performance. Everything clicked that night. We all probably our finest

played to the top of our form and Benfica were never in it. "We took the lead early on and never looked back. Even Benfica's goal was an own-goal. I don't think any of their players got near enough to score!

"We also won 3-2 at Old
Trafford. I don't think Benfica
had ever had so many goals
against them in Europe — 8-3
on aggregate."
United went out of the Cup
in the Semi-Finals to Partizan
Belgrade — when George was
injured.

But they more than made up
for this in their next
appearance in the competition
in 1967/68.

dream a reality when once again they defeated Benfica — this time by 4-1 at Wembley in the Final. They made Sir Matt Busby's

First Division — Football League



BURNLEY'S UNBEATEN RUN

Burnley created a sensation in season 1920-21 by playing 30 consecutive First Division games without defeat — a record run for a single season in the Football League. On September 4th, 1920, Burnley were beaten 2-0 away to Bradford, but they did not lose again in the First Division until going down 3-0 away to Manchester City on March 26th, 1921. Obviously, with such a remarkable record, Burnley deservedly won the League Championship that season. Manchester City were runners-up.

SPURS IN RECORD START

In season 1960-61 Tottenham Hotspur won their first 11 games and so created a record for the start of a League season. This, of course, was the season in which the Spurs went on to win the League and Cup Double. In their devastating start to that campaign they scored 36 goals and conceded 11 in winning the first 11 games. Manchester City stopped Spurs' winning ways by holding them to a 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane in the 12th game, but it was not until their 17th game that Tottenham were beaten 2-1 by Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough with John Fantham hitting the winner.

Spurs v. Man. City, October 10th, 1960...
the game that ended the Londoners' recordmaking start to the season. They drew 1-1
with the Maine Road club.

HUDDERSFIELD REVIVAL

Huddersfield Town staged one of the most astonishing transformations in football history in the 1920's when they were among the youngest clubs in the Football League, for just 11 years after their formation they found themselves in such a serious financial plight that they decided to move from Huddersfield and re-start at Leeds where the old Leeds City club had just been forced out of existence. This was in 1919 when the thought of losing their local club so roused public enthusiasm that it was decided to give it another go in Huddersfield. Within 12 months they had fought their way back into the First Division, reached the F.A. Cup Final (beaten 1-0 by Aston Villa) and appointed a new manager in Herbert Chapman. It was this astute, farseeing manager who then built up a Huddersfield team that created a new record by winning the Football League Championship three seasons in succession — 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26. Star of the side was Clem Stephenson, a brilliant strategist at inside-left, who had already collected two F.A. Cup winners' medals with Aston Villa.

THE ALLIANCE

Organisations

When the Football League adopted a closed shop attitude at the end of their first season of 1888-89 the leading clubs outside the original League dozen hastened to form another League in opposition — The Alliance.

League in opposition — The Alliance.

The initiative in forming this organisation was taken largely by Mr J. G. Hall, secretary of Crewe Alexandra, and apart from this club the original members were Birmingham St. George's, Bootle, Darwen, Grimsby Town, Long Eaton Rangers, Newton Heath (now Manchester United), Nottingham Forest, Sheffield Wednesday, Small Heath Alliance (now Birmingham City), Sunderland Albion, and Walsall Town Swifts (now Walsall). Sheffield Wednesday won the first Championship and Stoke the second, but then the Football League increased its size by taking in two Alliance members (Darwen and Stoke), and when, at the end of the Alliance's third season (Nottingham Forest Champions) the Football League formed a Second Division by taking in all but one of the Alliance members that was the-end of this organisation.

SIR STANLEY DEFEATED

Delegates to the 1974 Congress of F.I.F.A. were more politically motivated than ever before and this is viewed as an alarming trend which makes the world government of football progressively more difficult each year. But as far as the United Kingdom was concerned the most sensational aspect of the 1974 Congress was the voting out of the office of President Sir

Stanley Rous. The former secretary of the F.A. had been President of F.I.F.A. since 1961, and although aged 79 in 1974 he allowed his name to go forward for re-election for the fourth time. On this occasion, however, the vote went in favour of Brazilian millionaire, Joao Havelange, who became the seventh President of F.I.F.A.

TAKE OVER

Monday, May 31st, 1920, was a sensational day in the history of the Football League for it was at their AGM that day, after many years of agitation, that the Football League decided to form a Third Division by taking over the First Division of the Southern League with the exception of one club, Cardiff City, who were elected directly into the Second Division. Grimsby Town, who had dropped out of the Second Division that season, accepted the vacancy in the new Third Division among the Southern clubs. Although the idea of a Third Division had been muted many years earlier it was still quite a shock when the proposal was accepted in 1920. The formation of a Northern Section of the Third Division was postponed for 12 months.



ABOVE...Joao Havelange, the president of soccer's ruling body F.I.F.A.

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LEFT... An early
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They were founder
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WILLE Young's
was ended before it had even
started.
The former Aberdeen and
Spurs defender was in the
Scotland party for the game
in Denmark on 3rd
September, 1975.
The European
Championship tie became
known as the Copenhagen
Affair, As a result of alleged

post-match incidents, five players were banned from playing for their country. Joe Harper, Billy, Bremner, Arthur Graham, Pat McCluskey... and Willie

Young.
The Arsenal stopper says:
"I was shattered. Like every
Scot, playing for my country
is the ultimate.
"To be stripped of this
possibility was awful.\"I lived
in hope the S.F. A.'s decision
would be reversed.
"I could do nothing. I read

nothing happened." Until the summer of 1977

- that crazy close-season when hardly a day passed without one sensation or

announced the ban on the players had been litted. For Willie Y boung, this was like being handed a new career. "It's important to have something to aim for. Now that I'm back in the fold, so to speak, I'll be doing all I can to make up for lost time." The Scottish authorities

STEWART KENNEDY (Rangers)

Wembley, the graveyard for Scotland goalkeepers, earned the Rangers' 'keeper a place in the record books and a F Stewart Kennedy has a day the quiet-spoken Fifer made his debut at Britain's was on the receiving end of white shirts - those of the top stadium in May, 1975. memory he would happily That was the scoreline the But just as when poor Fred Martin of Aberdeen recurring bad dream it probably features men in swop with anyone. England 5, Scotland 1. seven England goals in England team.

1955, and Frank Haffey of nine in 1961, it was too eas to lay the blame at the feet of the man who forms the

last line in defence.

Perhaps Kennedy might have done more to stop the rot, but even the England amazed at the amount of room they were given by the off-form Scottish players must have been defence.

which has seen him struggle to win back the first team spot at Ibrox on a regular basis. nightmare Kennedy has suffered a loss in form Since the Wembley

WILLIE YOUNG (Arsenal)

Changes in the Laws

PENALTIES

The introduction of the penalty-kick in 1891 caused a sensation among the "true Blue" amateurs of the day, because they believed that fouling an opponent in sight of goal or deliberately handling the ball were the kind of despicable tactics only professionals would adopt. Accordingly they generally refused to take advantage of such an award and either drove the ball wide of the target or gently tapped it into the goalkeeper's hands. Indeed, this feeling prevailed among many leading amateur clubs into the early part of the 20th Century.

SCORING

The change in the Laws that created the biggest sensation was the alteration to the Offside Law in 1925, reducing the number of opponents needed to keep an attacking for opponents needed to keep an attacking forward onside from three to two and so making it easier to score. Until teams had a chance to adapt to the new tactics goals came thick and fast and 36% more (actually 1,674 more goals) were scored in the Football League during the first season under the new Offside Law than in 1924-25. Plymouth Argyle reaped the biggest harvest with 107 goals in 42 Division Three (South) games, but they still missed promotion by one point. At the other end of the scale Burnley conceded 108 goals in the First Division that season of 1925-26, yet, remarkably enough, escaped relegation by one point.

Before 1891, the referee — as here — was outside the field of play.

'HAND-BALL' GOALS

A change which caused quite a stir back in 1882 was the decision to give the referee power to allow a goal when a defender wilfully handled to prevent a score. This caused such heartache among referees and many were so severely threatened that the Law was rescinded only a year later.

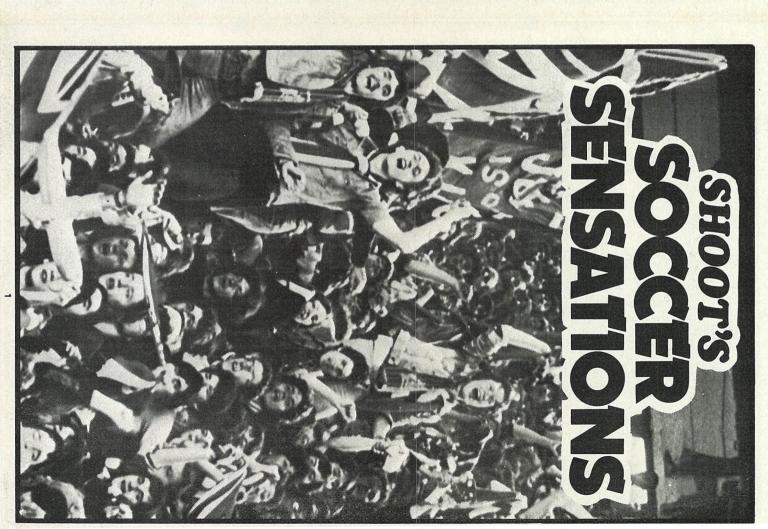
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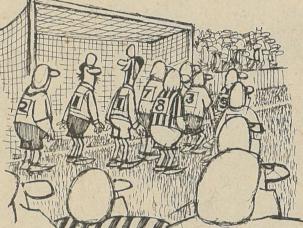
Another of the most revolutionary changes which took place in 1891 concerned the referee. Hitherto he had sat on the touchline and in most instances (though not all) intervened only when there was a difference of opinion between the two umpires who controlled the game in those days. In 1891, however, the referee was transferred into the field of play and the umpires relegated to the position of linesmen employed primarily to indicate when the ball was out of play.

CORNER-KICK CONFUSION

After the Law was altered in 1924 so that a player could score direct from a corner-kick there was some confusion for it was thought that the player taking the kick could dribble in to score. The F.A. had to revise the wording to clear up this misunderstanding, but the first player to score direct from a corner kick in the Football League was Huddersfield Town's outside-left, Billy Smith, against Arsenal, October 11th, 1924.







"One goal each — a last-second corner — be a scream if I score"

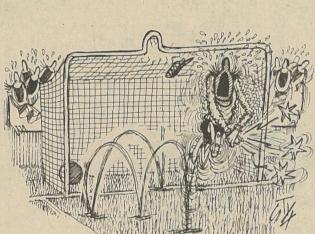
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"Our goalie's got a prob-lem — this ant nest"



"I'm booking you, number six"





"It's just the same when it comes to football — you support United and I support City"



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THEY DON'T CALL ME THE PENALTY KING FOR NOTHING, YOU KNOW



ALWAYS SEND THEIR GOALKEEPER THE WRONG WAY





LEFT ... Former Arsenal defender Peter Storey leads Fulham this season. BELOW, CENTRE ... Welsh international sweeper Leighton Phillips succeeded Chris Nicholl as the Villa Park skipper.





MAIN PICTURE . . . Birmingham City have had a few captains in recent seasons. Now midfielder Terry Hibbitt has the job and celebrated his first League game in his new capacity with a goal against Manchester United. FAR LEFT . . . New signing from Everton Bryan Hamilton (dark shirt) is the team-captain of Millwall now, although the evergreen Barry Kitchener is still club captain.

Arsenal top scorer Malcolm Macdonald gives you the benefit of

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NEVER take anything for granted. This is the lesson I have learned above all other lessons since I joined Southern League Tonbridge as a hopeful teenager.

Football is a great game. Life as a professional player is both excit-ing and rewarding. But there are two sides to everything in life and football is no exception.

I had spots before my eyes in terms of experience and maturity when I joined Fulham in 1968. By the time I left to join Luton, I had learned a very important lesson the one thing football does not afford you is security.

A professional footballer can never sit back and assume he has found his niche, his club of clubs. Because just when life seems to be forming itself into a suitable pattern, one man goes, another man arrives and life changes - sometimes dramatically.

I was reasonably happy at Fulham. When my boyhood idol, Johnny Haynes, became manager, everything turned sour. From playing for the club of my schoolboy dreams I was told I could not play and was not wanted.

Lesson number one was bitter, yet I still had a lot to learn. Because Luton, but not fully aware of their financial problems. So when I was told that I was to be sold I was surprised, to say the least.

Once again circumstances wrecked my well-laid plans. I had no reasons for wanting to leave

Luton. We won promotion in my first season 1969-70 and had a good challenge for promotion again 12 months later As I revealed in SHOOT over the

past few weeks, life was both happy and rewarding at Newcastle. I had no plans or even thoughts of leaving. Suddenly manager Joe Harvey was replaced by Gordon Lee and my life turned upside down again. A change of manager changed my whole life.

This is why I say never take anything in football for granted. No matter how much a player puts into his game, his club and his career, everything he has tried to plan can be wrecked by one resignation or sacking, and one appointment.

Every England player, either current or recent, stands in a limbo as England attempt to re-assemble the pieces of their World Cup hopes, so dramatically shattered by Don Revie's abdication to the sand dunes.

Who now knows where he stands? Players whose last game for their country may have been outstanding do not know if they

fingers crossed that the new regime may find my style of play suitable to requirements. But, like everyone else, I must sit back, wait, hope and play to the best of my ability. That means scoring

There is no security. Not in the sense that any player can relax with his club, or country. Football life is short - it can be sweet or incredibly sour depending on your fortunes - but it is always short. That is why I emphasise my point take nothing but nothing for granted, except that tomorrow brings another day, as long as you are not injured.

The second vital lesson I learned is that you never stop learning about the game of football. Every game, every training session someone produces a new idea. You must come to terms with new thinking all the time, and be ready to face new ideas every week.

The important thing is that you, too, produce new ideas. If you rely on a career of absorbing other peoples' thinking you will quickly fall behind. Because football is constantly changing and people do the changing.

The game itself never alters, certainly not in terms of the basics. But when you begin to put those duce variations on well known themes

I learned that lesson a long time ago. And I am still learning it now! The third lesson I learned concerns young players, and the way we, the senior professionals treat them

A boy who enters professional football and makes his first team debut at an early age, quickly becomes a man in football terms. It can take no more than a matter of games to effect the change from boy to man.

Because of this factor - call it the maturity factor — we all tend to forget that we were once young boys, entering the game for the first time. We become intolerant, impatient and, if we are not care-

ful, self-important.

Young players need time to learn the basics of football and time to gain confidence, find their feet and settle down. We are all guilty of being impatient, of assuming that they are learning the finer points when, in fact, they

are still learning the grass roots.
The young player, sensing the impatience and sometimes even scorn of the senior, panics inside. He wants to belong, to do his bit and contribute to the team's suc-cess. But unless he is handled properly, he will go into a shell and his development will be hindered.

I believe all professional footballers should give some of their time to helping the youngsters in their club. That is a lesson for everyone



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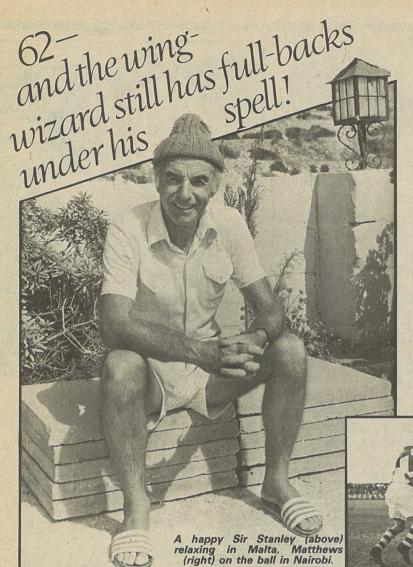
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SIR Stanley Matthews, the old maestro of English football, refuses to hang up his boots. He's 62, and living in Malta now, but he still scorns the idea of retiring from playing.

He turns out for the local Post Office side and even on the rock-hard Maltese pitches, he's still showing his

old wing skills.

No youngster could find a better example to model himself on than Sir Stan, who played for his country for over 20 years and was still able to hold down a First Division place with Stoke at 50.

He's a non-smoking teetotaller who has always believed in looking after

He says: "I still exercise every day and I play once a week for the Post Office. I enjoy playing and watching some of the youngsters come along.

"One of my greatest pleasures has always been working with the kids. It's great to feel you can have a hand in the development of a raw youngster."

Sir Stan did, of course, have a spell coaching in South Africa after his brief, disastrous spell as manager of Port Vale.

Some of the black kids in South Africa took your breath away with their skill. We had one called 'Shuffle the Pack' because of his amazing dribbling talent.

"He was among the most exciting youngsters I've ever seen. I was so convinced of his ability I told a couple

of English League clubs about himbut they didn't follow it up.

"I don't think they could be bothered with all the paperwork involved. They'll never know what they missed. What a player he was."

Sir Stan was coaching coloured youngsters in Soweto and managed his own boys' team known as "Sir Stan's men."

He stayed there three years until forced out by the political troubles.

"The rioting started to get very bad so I thought it best to leave. There used to be trouble when we staged blacks v whites matches.

"If the whites won, there would be a riot on the terraces, so we always kept our fingers crossed the result

didn't go that way."

Sir Stanley, the first superstar of English football, still feels he has something to offer the game. He would now like to go to America to coach the youngsters there.

"I've heard a lot about it from eople who have been over there and

I'd be more than happy to give it a try.
"I'm not interested in coaching for a club or taking a managerial post. It's the kids I'm interested in. I still get a

thrill when I see a youngster with a lot of potential."

The Maltese newspapers, which carry all the English football results, help to keep Sir Stanley in touch with the situation here. So does SHOOT. which is available on the island.

He was shocked to read of the departure of England manager Don

Revie.
And he was staggered to hear some top class players now pick up weekly pay packets of around £500.
In his heyday at Blackpool, Stanley Matthews was paid just £25 a week.

How NOBBY STILES is dealing with Preston's problems

HE sight of Nobby Stiles pranc-ing around the Wembley track

Ing around the Wembley track after England had just won the World Cup in 1966 is a picture many of us will relish for ever.

At Preston, where he has taken his first managerial job, they hope the scene will be repeated and this time he will be heralding their promotion from the Third Division.

They know him well He has

They know him well. He has been with them four years, the last two as first team coach.

two as first team coach.

His best mate is Bobby Charlton and fine principles were the real reason behind his not taking over the chair when Bobby resigned.

Now in command, his approach is the same as, when a player, he won two League Championship medals and the European Cup with Manchester United and ran him. Manchester United and ran himself into the ground with Bobby

Moore and Co to win the big 'un.
"I am looking forward to this new challenge," he told SHOOT.
"When you are a player you want to be the best. I enjoyed playing and I am enjoying this side of the

game. "When you are made a manager you want to be successful and to be one of the best in the game. You might not be the best, but by thinking it and having the ambi-

"The last two years I have been with Harry Catterick and I have learned a lot and hopefully I won't



make the mistakes I might have made if I had taken over two years

He acknowledges that the biggest problem for the club is survival and from time to time they have to sell players, but the deal with Brighton exchanging Mark Lawrenson (£112,000) and Gary Williams for Harry Wilson and Graham Cross (formerly with Leicester) will give him the ten-acity in the back-four that he

Another problem — the great tradition of the club which the supporters naturally wish to supporters naturally wish to repossess — he handles in true Nobby Stiles' fashion: "The only way we are going to do anything is by getting out on the pitch and working hard and getting the players that are here to believe in themselves and to get much more out of them."

There is no pessimism in him about this season. "With Brighton and Crystal Palace now out of the Third, promotion is open to everybody and that means us.

The set-up at Deepdale pleases him. "Alan Kelly, my assistant manager, was a great 'keeper with Preston and we work well together. We mix the training between us. One week he will work the 'keepers and the forwards and

I will take the defenders. The next week we'll switch around. "And we've got a great guy in Jimmy Scott our chief scout. He has been a long time in the game and knows all about the Scottish market . . . he introduced most of the Scots on our books.

One thing is certain, the Preston players will never be cramped with over-coaching and over cosseting

under Nobby.
"The first thing you go for is skill in your team, of course, but attack-ing football is what I expect and that means hard work and aggres-

'We scored a good number of goals in the last two seasons and if Alex Bruce for instance can score the same number of goals (25) as he did last season that II do for me!

There is a limit to the coaching necessary. No one taught me how

to kick a ball, you pick things up to kick a ball, you pick things up like that as you go along. I'm sure nobody taught Bobby Charlton or Denis Law how to kick a ball. You learn most things about the game by looking about you. I played in the Manchester United side where we played 'off the cuff' but we had a good blend.
"I wasn't a natural player like

"I wasn't a natural player like say Bobby Charlton. My game was tackling and aggression. That came natural to me, but, of course, I played at the back and was a

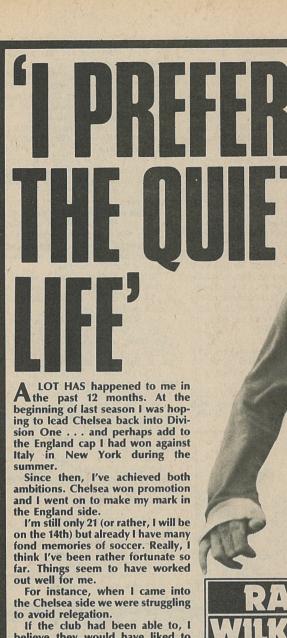
reader of the game."
There is food for thought in one of his comments about the tackle from behind. "These days, to stop the tackle from behind everybody keeps playing the ball back now. They want the tackle stopped but, as I recall from playing against people like Jimmy Greaves and Denis Law, you couldn't afford to go in and sell yourself against quality players.

"Greaves and Law were great goalscorers and knew when to pull

goalscorers and knew when to pull you in and sell you. They could turn you when you tackled from behind and get in on the goal.

"If you weren't careful the ball was in the back of the net but nowadays the emphasis is on safety and the ball is continually being played back."

Typical healthy remarks from one of our great players. We wish him well in the manager's chair.



believe they would have liked to have gone into the transfer market

to strengthen their line-up.

They couldn't, so the then manager Eddie McCreadie had to look to youth . . . and I got a break. Under different circumstances I may have had to wait longer to taste the "big time".

It was a similar story with England. A "hole" appeared — and I crept into it!

Don Revie didn't want to play his full strength team against the Italians in the U.S.A. and gave two or three new faces a run out.

I was one of them and England won 3-2. A different result or performance may have given my inter-national hopes a severe setback —

who knows?

The most pleasing aspect of my England career to-date was the summer tour of South America. I felt I reached some sort of consistency and learned to pace my game a lot better.

It was most satisfying to be part of the side that became the first England team to return from Latin America undefeated.

Have I changed much since my sudden rise? I suppose I have in some ways. For instance, a year ago the thought of being a SHOOT columnist would not have been as appealing.



ABOVE . . . "Goalkeeper Peter Bonetti takes a picture of Graham, Steve and I."

RIGHT Derby's think Colin Todd is the best sweeper in England."

Since then, I've had experience of talking to the Press and have become more of an extrovert. Not that I shout or rant and rave . . . but I have no inhibitions now about speaking freely to people who, a year ago, might have made me shy

Inevitably I've been linked with the so-called Chelsea swingers. The Kings Road jet-set or whatever you care to think of.

Really, this sort of life just doesn't appeal to me. It makes me laugh when people assume Chelsea is the only place in the world where you can have a good time. As far as I'm concerned, you can get drunk and live it up anywhere if you want to which I don't.

I live in Hayes, Middlesex, which is a fair way from Chelsea. My girlfriend lives in Kensington, which is next door to Chelsea, but we certainly don't go for the bright lights or the discos.

We prefer to keep away from this scene and relax further afield.

In fact, I'm looking for a house somewhere near our training ground at Hampton Wick, a beauti-ful part of the world on the River Thames. I like the idea of rolling out of bed into training!

I still live at home with my parents and two brothers who are also on Chelsea's books. Graham, who's a year older than me, had a long spell at left-back last season and did well.

Stephen, the youngest at 19, is a promising left-sided midfielder making his mark in the reserves.

Having two brothers at the club is





nice, but it can also cause extra worries.

If, say, I'm having a bad patch I naturally think deeply about what's going wrong. The same may be happening to one of the others, so then I start to worry about his problem, too.

You may find it hard to believe but the three of us don't talk about soccer that much between our-selves. We drive to training together (Graham's the chauffeur) yet rarely do we discuss football.

I think Stephen learns a lot by simply watching us in training rather than "picking our brains".

At home it's different, though.
Our dad is soccer-daft and I have no

hesitation in saying my family have been the biggest influence on me.

Dad didn't miss a match last season, home or away—and neither did Mum. With them around, there's no chance of me taking a larger size in hats . . . they keep my

feet firmly on the floor.

I have become aware, certainly since the South American tour, that people are taking more notice of me. I don't mind this at all when I'm with the players or after training.

It can be awkward when I'm out with my girlfriend and some well-

meaning fan wants to have a chat. Everyone has a right to a little privacy.

Away from the game, I enjoy going for a drive or a stroll in the country. A quiet meal is another ideal way of unwinding.

I try to see as many pop concerts as I can, especially the American soul singers. I remember watching Marvin Gaye not too long ago and he was superb.

When I go to the cinema I prefer a bit of action — but we all have to compromise at times, don't we?

I try and get in a round of golf when I can and during the summer I enjoy swimming.

I don't feel frustrated at not being able to do more. I wouldn't change my lifestyle for anything . . . I'm very happy with the way things are.

I'm not one for planning the future too much. I don't look further than the next match. A few bad performances and you could be dropped . . . and your plans shattered.

This Saturday's match against Derby County (September 10th) is one I'm particularly looking forward

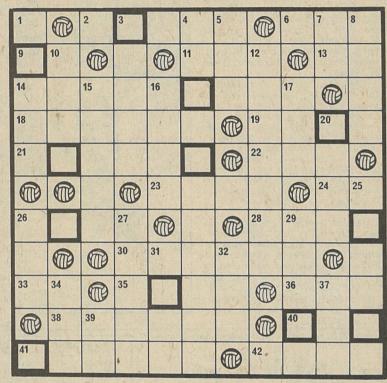
In Colin Todd, The Rams have just about the best sweeper in England. For me, he's out on his own. I remember one performance when we lost 2-1 at Stamford Bridge about three years ago and Toddie didn't

put a foot wrong.
I was surprised Derby struggled last season. When you look at their line-up, they should always be somewhere near the top. Still, it proves the quality of Division One when a team like Derby don't have it all their own way.

See you again in two weeks,

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Ipswich Town defender.

Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:-

- (2) -tan-ey M-t-h-ws. The smallest quantity from the missing letters in the famous soccer name
- A fruit needed to complete Stamord Br-d-e (Chelsea).
- Trevor -ranc-s. The reverse of the missing letters.
- & 25 Down) Famous West German international centre-forward who played for his country in four World Cup Series. (1958/62/66 & 70)
- Alan Hud--n of Arsenal.
- Jimmy —, Norwich City winger.
 The League show the positions of all the teams.
- Alan -underl--- of Wolves.
- Filbert —, Leicester City's ground. K-nn- CI-ments of Manchester (22) City.
- (23)Descriptive of either an arm or a leg.
- Dave Thom-- of Everton.
- Vehicle which one might hire to travel to or from the match.
- Having nothing to do. Like a goalkeeper with all the play at the other end!
- The state of being struck senseless - perhaps after a very bad tackle.
- Brentf--d, from Griffin Park. Pr----field Stadium (Gillingham). Sort the missing letters into a
- building plot. M---wall play at The Den. Lucky charm — possibly worn or carried by some superstitious
- plavers. Three letters from Everton to give

- (41) Takes up a lower position as in
- prayer! (42) -eff Blockl-v of L-iceste- City.

DOWN:-

- --e--ousemu-r (Scottish club). Small tips from the missing letters.
- -d-e--y P-rk (Stockport County). A large bird of prey from the omis-
- They wear the number 12 shirt.
- Manchester City's score in the Football League Cup Final (v. Newcastle) in 1975/6.
- Johnny G-le- of Shamrock Rovers.
- Keith Os---- of Spurs.
- Remarkable achievement. Like (10)Dixie Dean's record of sixty goals
- in a season.
 Famous Portuguese goalscorer;
 born in Mozambique. (12)
- (15) Stadium, home of Glasgow Rangers.
- Part of the foot associated with "Achilles".
- Graydon, Coventry City winger.

- Phil —, Liverpool full-back.
 See 11 Across.
 R---s Hall Ground (Southend United). The missing letters in
- -a-tv-lle -tadi-m (Bristol Rovers). Come out from the omissions.
- A very hard shot.
- Leigh-on Ph---ips of Aston Villa. Martin ---ers of Norwich City.
- Queens Park --- gers.
- Bob of Sunderland.
- Mick La-b-rt of Ipswich Town.

tion this season looks a pretty fair bet. The teams relegated or promoted to the Third Division do not alter the issue - it should be Wednesday's year!

The setting is right. The massive stadium looked perfect in the close-season when SHOOT inspected it. The great stands seemed to be yawning, waiting for customers, and the lush pitch, with its sprinklers whirling playful

spray, rivalled Wembley.

All the signs dictate that Wednesday will shrug off its depressing Third Division shroud this time, and cheer the thousands who bought shares last year. The team now looks resolute, no frills, impatient to show how well it can compete.

Take, for instance, one player centre-forward Tommy Tynan — a very important cog in the promotion-hunting machine Len Ashurst has designed. He has matured quickly. His popularity with the fans still shakes him. "It's unbelievable," Tommy told us, "wherever you go ... walk

down the street, pop into a pub, go anywhere, and these tremendous fans spot you and want to have a word.

He was Liverpool's reserve team centre-forward last September. "I'd just come back from America, where I had been playing for the Dallas Tornados and was having a game with the reserves. Len Ashurst and Dave Blakey (former chief-scout now with Sunderland) had come over to see us. It was a

*HE 12-1 odds offered against Sheffield Wednesday's promo-

'This could be Wednesday's year



Tuesday night, and I got a hat-trick. Len immediately put in a £10,000 bid and I jumped at the chance.

Ashurst paid the money "for Tommy's potential" but he must have been delighted in the immediate returns — Tynan slotted well into the side, scored in his first two matches and completed the season by playing in 39 matches, notching 15 goals.

Now 21, his build - 5' 11", 11st. 8lbs. - and mobility will carve out openings for others and hopefully give him the quota of goals his hard work deserves.

"I had a rest of about a month this summer," he said, "and then I came in early because I'd put a bit of weight on. I did a bit more training than usual and lost about a stone. I wanted to get that off before the real training started."

He agrees this could be Wednesday's year. 'Last season we built a side. Six or seven players were bought and this year we could get on well together and go up. We've

got a really good chance."
His cousin, Bobby Tynan, is a highly rated midfield player with Tranmere and back in Liverpool his football mad family circle cheer on Steve Heighway and Co. Tynan wants to get to the top and knows the route is hard.

"In my position up front it is essential to score goals. Thirty to 40 a season gets a player into the top bracket," he says.

Manager Len Ashurst and first team coach, Tony Toms, spend endless training sessions encouraging, cajoling players into an understanding of what is required of them.

The fruits are beginning to show at Hillsborough. Their teaching, plus the eagerness of individuals like Tommy Tynan to create that extra bit of space which can be so important, to master the technique of turning at the right time and to be effective in the 18-yard area all of which Tynan is gradually mastering — should get Wednesday promotion . . . this season.



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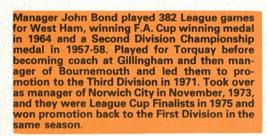


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ORWICH won only two away games last season, an opening day victory at West Ham term was a bonus for City fans. Not that West Ham will prove to be the hardest side to

it was still a good start for the Carrow Road club under manager John Bond, perhaps not the quietest managers in the League, but certainly a boss with the determination to see is team always try to provide attractive football.

wich had Phil Boyer and Ted MacDougall at the club. In their place John Bond has Viv Busby from Fulham, ents of Kevin Reeves. While in Martin Peters, City have other) from the 1966 World Cup winning side. Peters is





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ABOVE . . . Former Spurs winger Jimmy Neighbour in action against Bryan Robson of West Ham on 20th August, 1977.



GROUND: Carrow Road

NICKNAME: Canaries

with Green trim.

SIZE OF PITCH: 114 x 74 yards

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Green trim. Shorts: Green with Yellow trim. Stockings: Yellow

LEFT . . . Martin Peters, who has just signed a new twoyear contract with The Canaries.

RIGHT . . . Full-back Colin Sullivan.

RECORD VICTORY: 10-2 v Coventry City, Division Three (South), March 15th,

RECORD DEFEAT:

2-10 v Swindon Town, Southern League, September 5th, 1908.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS:

64 in season 1950-51 Division Three (South).

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

31 by Ralph Hunt in Division Three (South), 1955-56.

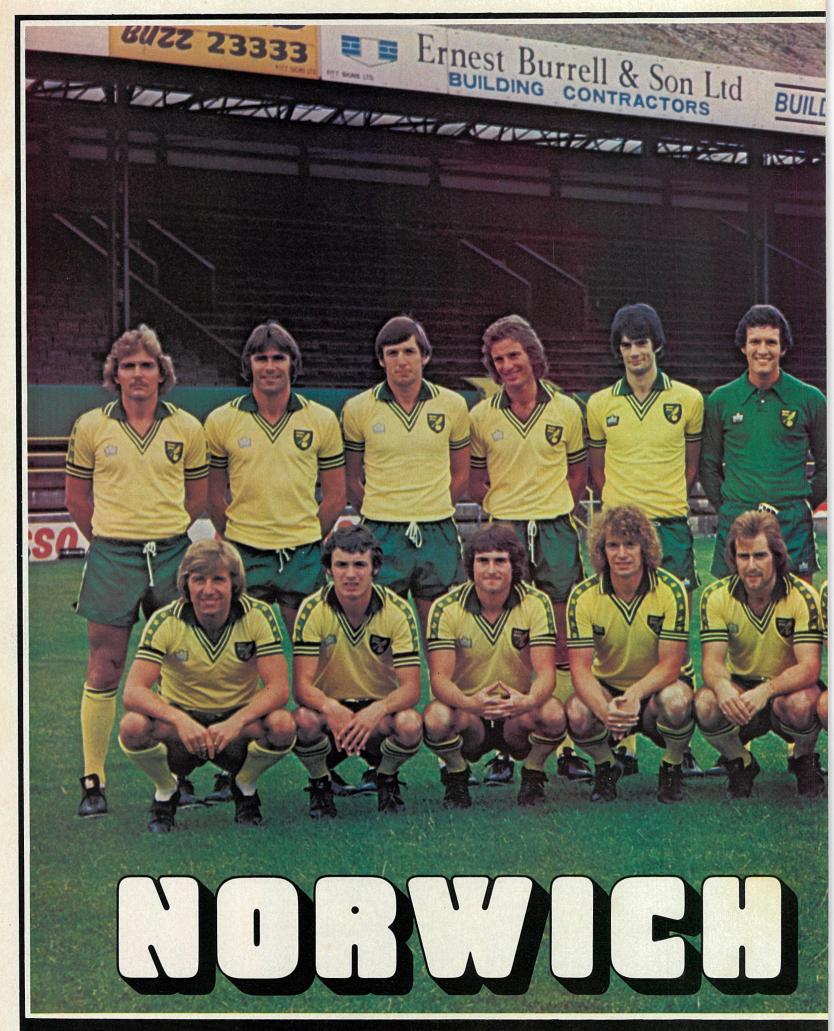


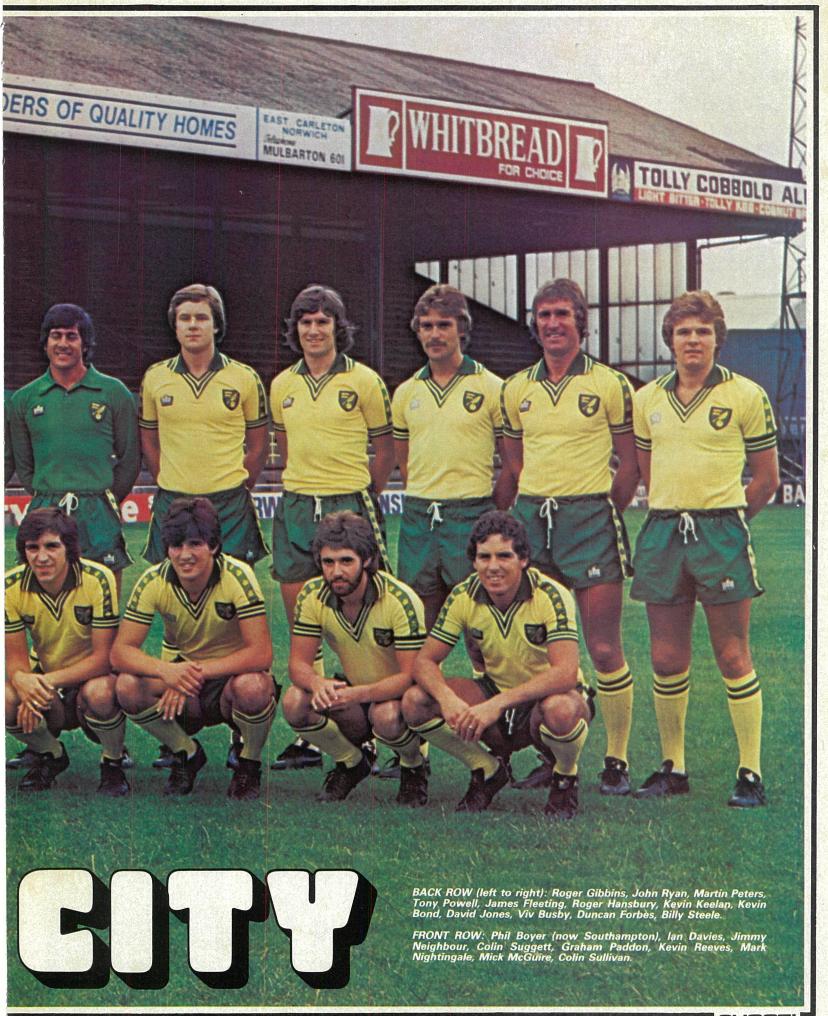
NORWICH RECORD **SINCE 1960-61**

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists: Q/F — Quarter-Finalists.)

SEASON	LEAGUE	F.A. CUP	LEAGUE CUP
	Division &	Round	Round
	Placing	Reached	Reached
1960-61	2 — 4th	5th	4th
1961-62	2 — 17th	5th	W
1962-63	2 — 11th	Q/F	5th
1963-64	2 — 17th	3rd	5th
1964-65	2 — 6th	3rd	4th
1965-66	2 — 13th	5th	2nd
1966-67	2 — 11th	5th	2nd
1967-68	2 — 9th	4th	3rd
1968-69	2 — 13th	3rd	4th
1969-70	2 — 11th	3rd	2nd
1970-71	2 — 10th	3rd	3rd
1971-72	2 - 1st (P)	3rd	5th
1972-73	1 — 20th	3rd	F
1973-74	1 — 22nd (R)	3rd	S/F
1974-75	2 - 3rd (P)	3rd	F
1975-76	1 — 10th	5th	2nd
1976-77	1 — 16th	3rd	3rd

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(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes: All records to end of the 1976-77 season)

KEVIN BOND: Defender and son of the Norwich manager. Signed professional in April, 1976. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. Born London. L. App:— 1 and 3 sub. VIV BUSBY: Striker signed from Fulham in September, 1976, played in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final v West Ham for Fulham. Born High Wycombe. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— Luton 64 and 13 sub, Newcastle (on loan) 4, Fulham 114 and 4 sub, Norwich 17. G:- Luton 16, Newcastle 2, Fulham 29, Nor-wich 11 (top scorer last season).

DOUG EVANS: Welsh Youth international signed professional in August, 1974. Born Swansea. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 4 and 4 sub.

DUNCAN FORBES: Reliable veteran and central-defender signed from Colchester in September, 1968, for £15,000. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.111/2. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— Colchester 270, Norwich 278 and 5 sub. G:— Colchester 2, Norwich 9. ROGER GIBBINS:

Forward signed from Oxford United in June, 1976. Began his career at Spurs, but did not appear in their League side. Born Enfield.
Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.3. L. App:—
Oxford 16 and 3 sub, Norwich
20. G:— Oxford 2, Norwich 5.
DAVID JONES: Centraldefender who made a great start to the 1977-78 season by scoring twice at West Ham in Norwich's 3-1 victory. Signed from Nottingham Forest for £40,000 in September, 1975. Welsh Under-23 international who has won two full caps. Born Bristol. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.8. L App:—Bournemouth 128 and 6 sub, Nottm. Forest 36, Norwich 58 and 2 sub. G:— Bournemouth 5, Forest 1. KEVIN KEELAN: Is the longest

serving 'keeper in the club's history. Signed from Wrexham for £7,000 in July, 1963. Born Calcutta. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.10. L.

App:— Aston Villa 5, Wrexham 68, Norwich 497. JIMMY NEIGHBOUR: Winger signed from Tottenham in September, 1976, for £60,000. Played in the Spurs side that won the League Cup in 1971 and the U.E.F.A. side of 1972. Born Chingford. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Tottenham 104 and 15 sub, Norwich 33. G:— Tottenham 8, Norwich 3. GRAHAM PADDON: Midfielder

in his second spell at Carrow Road having rejoined Norwich for a six figure fee in November, 1976. But Graham broke a leg after only three League games



on his return to the club. An England Under-23 international. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— Coventry 3 and 1 sub, West Ham 115, Norwich (two spells) 165. G:-Coventry 1, West Ham 11, Nor-

MARTIN PETERS: World Cup star when England won the trophy in 1966 and joined Norfrom Tottenham for £40,000 in March, 1975. Born Plaistow. Ht. 6.0½. Wt. 11.10½. England Under-23 international and 67 full caps. L. App:—West Ham 302, Tottenham 189, Nor-wich 94. G:— West Ham 79, Tottenham 46, Norwich 19.

TONY POWELL: Defender signed from Bournemouth in August, 1974, for £50,000 plus Adgust, 1974, 107 £30,000 pius exchange deal. Born Thornley. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.1. L. App:—Bournemouth 215 and 5 sub, Norwich 113. G:— Bournemouth 10, Norwich 2. KEVIN REEVES: Striker signed from Bournemouth in Echange.

from Bournemouth in February, 1977, for £50,000. Born Burley. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— Bournemouth 60 and 2 sub, Norwich 21. G:— Bournemouth Norwich 8.

20, Norwich 8.

JOHN RYAN: Defender signed from Luton for £42,000 in August, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.6. L. App:—Fulham 41 and 4 sub, Luton 271 and 3 sub, Norwich 36 and 1 sub. G:— Fulham 1, Luton 10, Norwich 2. BILLY STEELE: Midfielder who signed professional in March, 1971. Born Kirkmuirhill. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— Bourne-mouth (on loan) 7, Norwich 56 and 12 sub. G:- Bournemouth 2. Norwich 3.

2, Norwich 3.
COLIN SUGGETT: Clever midfielder signed from W.B.A. in
February, 1973, for £75,000 as a
striker. Born Washington, Co.
Durham. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.12. L.
App:— Sunderland 83 and 3
sub, W.B.A. 123 and 5 sub, Norwich 123 and 2 sub, Co. School wich 162 and 2 sub. G:- S'land 24, W.B.A. 20, Norwich 17.

COLIN SULLIVAN: Defender signed from Plymouth in June, 1974, for £70,000. Won England Under-23 honours while with the Devon club. Born Saltash. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 10.11. L. App:—

Plymouth 225 and 5 sub, Norwich 104 and 2 sub. Plymouth 7, Norwich 3.



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TOP LEAGUE **SCORERS**

1972-73	David Cross	11
1973-74	Ted MacDougall	11
1974-75	Ted MacDougall	17
1975-76	Ted MacDougall	23
1976-77	Viv Busby	11



JOHN RYAN

LEAGUE **FIXTURES**

1977	Opponents	Ground
Aug.	100	
20 —	West Ham Middlesbrough Q.P.R.	A
27_	OPR	
100		
3-	Manchester C Bristol C Everton	A
10 —	Bristol C	A H A H
17—	Everton	A
0-4	Arsenal	
1_	Nottingham F Newcastle U Wolverhampton W	4
5_	Newcastle U	A H /A H A
8-	Wolverhampton V	/ H
15 —	Aston Villa	A
22-	Aston Villa Leicester C	Н
Nov.	Derby Co	A
5 —	Leeds U	4
12_	Chelsea	u de la companya de l
19 —	Manchester U	A
<i>26</i> —	Manchester U Birmingham C	Н
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10	West Bromwich Liverpool	A
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26 —	lpswich T Coventry Middlesbrough	
27 —	Coventry	H A
31 —	Middlesbrough	A
1978		
Jan.	14/	
14_	West Ham O P R	H
21 —	West Ham Q.P.R. Manchester C	H A H
Feh		
4-	Bristol C Everton Arsenal	A
11 —	Everton	Н
25 —	Arsenai Nottingham F	A A H
Mar.		
4-	Wolverhampton W Aston Villa	A
11 —	Aston Villa	A H A H A
18 —	Leicester C	A
25 —	lpswich T	H
28 —	Derby Co	
Anr		
1-	Leeds U	Н
	sirminanam r	A
15 —	Manchester U Liverpool	H A A A H
26 —	Newcastle II	A
29 —	Newcastle U West Bromwich	
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British refs under fire in U.S.A

TWO BRITISH referees brought over to the States in May to upgrade the standard of match officiating in the N.A.S.L., have run rapidly into trouble.

The Seattle Sounders have asked the League not to send Tom Reynolds of Wales to any more of their games. During the Sounders' 2-1 defeat to the Angeles Aztecs, Reynolds awarded a record 21 corner-kicks to the Sounders and - according to team manager Jack Daley — ignored several justified penalty appeals.

"I have no authority over the offi-

cials," said Daley. "But in effect we have fired him for the rest of the

And Bob Matthewson of England was assailed on the field by Rochester

Lancers' coach Gragan Popovic and trainer Joe Sirianni, who claimed Matthewson's poor handling of the game had led to the Lancers losing 3-2 to the Chicago Sting. Matthewson's no-nonsense reac-

tion?

He showed both men the red card . . . an automatic fine and suspension for one game.

SWISS FACE PROBLEMS

IN REORGANISING their League at the end of this season, the Swiss could face a few problems. A new system is being tried this season and the authorities will vote at the end of the campaign whether it will be retained.

Relegation and promotion issues could prove touchy subjects. Under the present system, a team that finishes ninth out of the 12 First Division might

consider itself safe. Yet if the League is made even smaller (as rumours say it could be) that side would be relegated!
And there would obviously be no promotion for the side that finishes top

of Division Two at the end of this season, that is!

Looks like a few surprises in store in Switzerland!

THE ALGERIAN Government has embarked on a plan to "rationalise" the country's sport in the hope of better results. "Rationalisation" means nationalisation and soccer Champions FC Mouladia of Algiers have already been adopted by the commercial firm Sonatrach, who will pick up the bills for Mouladia. By October, the State plans to have nationalised all the First Division clubs

FRIENDLY PROBLEMS

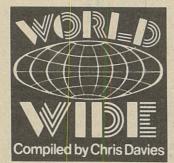
THE FRIENDLY between Eintracht Braunschweig and Real Madrid on October 5th (part of the Paul Breitner transfer agreement) is causing the German club a few problems.

Demand for tickets has been so good

Demand for tickets has been so good the directors are considering moving the game to the bigger stadium in nearby Hanover.

Eintracht fans were furious when they heard of this, but the board have guaranteed every fan free travel by bus or train to Hanover.

"WELL... a man can change his mind, just as a woman can," Johan Cruyff told a Dutch radio reporter when asked if he was serious about not playing in the 1978 World Cup Finals.
"At this moment my answer is 'no', but, well..." and trailed off.

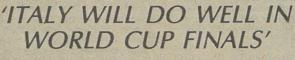


ITALY's League President Signor Antonio Griffi has released figures showing the 36 First and Second Division clubs owe between them more than £33 million. With most of the money owed to banks at high interest rates Signor Griffi says that figure could rise to £60 milion by next year and appealed again to the Government for cheap loans

HEREDIA FINED

ATLETICO Madrid's Argentinian-born defender "Cacho" Heredia has been fined £700 and suspended from training after failing to report back on time from his summer holi-day in Argentina. Heredia has been unhappy at Atlético since the club signed Brazilian sweeper Luiz Pereira. Pereira.

Heredia eventually signed for French club Paris Saint-Germain.



BRAZIL manager Claudio Coutinho has tipped England's World Cup opponents Italy to be one of the top sides in next year's Finals.

Coutinho expects Italy to qualify for Argentina and, indeed, sees other Euro-



pean teams making a big impact in the

Finals.

HOLLAND ... "One just blows a trumpet, they get together and in two days they are playing superbly. An excellent side, they have many options on their tactics with Cruyff and Neeskens rehearsing together in Barcelona for the World Cup. Holland are the most dangerous opponents amongst the Europeans."

Europeans."
WEST GERMANY . . . "Helmut Schoen has cleverly renewed his team without seemingly any problem. We saw in the Maracana not long ago how good a side he has. They don't allow opponents to settle and they attack in a devastating way."

way."
ITALY ... "They are recovering. The Italian defence is very strong and England were unable to get into their penalty-area in Rome. I cannot see Italy failing to qualify. England will probably need to win 3-0 at Wembley, which I think is impossible."

★ Pic shows Italy's Causio in action against Mick Mills of England.

THOUGH Peru easily qualified for the World Cup last 16 in the play-offs in Cali (Colombia) there is a big doubt about how they will get on in Argentina. Most of the speculation revolves around their aged central defenders who between them are already 72! Julio Melendez is 38 and Hector Chumpitaz is 34.

GOAL-GLUT IN CHILE

CHILEAN football isn't exactly renowned for its high-scoring, but on the 15th day of the League programme everyone went berserk!

berserk!

A total of 43 goals were scored in the nine matches played. Top scores were Aviación's 6-4 win over Green Cross, while joint leaders Colo Colo (managed by the legendary Ferenc Puskas) edged home 5-4 in a thrilling game against Universidad de Chile.

Colo Colo share top spot with Lota Schwager on 20 points, followed by Everton, Unión Española and Aviación with 18 points apiece.

PERUVIAN Champions Deportivo Huaral are going through a financial crisis and no-one has been paid for two months. What's more, manager Moises Barack has to be careful who he picks. The club can't afford any new boots, so he has to field a team based on the sizes of boot he can find! can find!

THE FIRST Round of the West German F.A. Cup began the new official season there, but Bayern Munich were allowed to put off their tie for ten days to allow them to play a friendly in Austria. Bayern beat Linzer ASK by 8-0 and played their Cup game ten days later than the



THAT great character Sepp Maier of Bayern Munich has been chosen as West Germany's Footballer of the Year. Sepp, 32, is about to make yet another record — with top German singer Udo Jürgens.

One snag: the record must be made outside Germany because Jürgens has so many tax-debts he would be arrested if he came home!

EVERY YEAR, while the British season gets under way in August. Spain is still immersed in a flood of summer Yournaments. This year there were one or two incidents.

Fluminense (Brazil), Feyenoord (Holland), Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) and Real Madrid arrived in La Coruna to compete for the Trofeo Teresa Herrera only to find the hotel workers were on strike. So apart from playing, the teams had to do their own cooking, serving and washing-up.

At the other end of the country there was a scandal of a different kind. Spanish referees are . . . different, and it seems

one of their favourite summer sports is spoiling interesting friendly matches.

friendly matches.

This was definitely the case in the Final of the Trofeo Ciudad de La Linea between Spanish club Salamanca and Nacional of Montevideo. Spanish ref De Sosa decided to take a hand after Nacional had scored in the first minute.

He sent-off five (yes, five) Uruguayan players for protesting, showed a total of 23 yellow cards (the substitutes didn't escape!) and stopped play 87 times during the 90 minutes.

Not surprisingly, six-man Nacional slumped to a 1-4 defeat.

CIEN A GENTINA, the host nation for next year's World Cup, staged a "mini World Cup" during their mid-winter League break, and played a series of friendly matches

against top European opposition. But the matches weren't the But the matches weren't the success many Argentinians had hoped for. Their national team beat Poland (3-1), Yugoslavia (1-0) and East Germany (2-0), but disappointingly drew with England (1-1), Scotland (1-1) and France (0-0) and lost comprehensively to World Champions West Germany (1-3). The indifferent form shown by the Armentina team has sparked off a Argentina team has sparked off a tremendous storm among the country's Press and public - and, as usual, the man at the centre is the manager, 38-year-old Cesar Luis Menotti.

SHOOT: We've been a little surprised at the violent reaction of the Argentinian public. After all, the Argentinian team is still "running in" and these recent matches were simply preparation games. What's the reason behind all the con-

MENOTTI: Well, I don't know if it's the same in Britain, but here in Argentina the fans want results all the time - even in practice

matches. People find it hard to accept I'm still experimenting with players, trying to find the right blend. We haven't got to win anything until the World Cup starts, and that's still many months away. SHOOT: The fans say you've been working with the national team for three years, but the team still isn't showing anything like world-beating form.

MENOTT: I don't think that's fair, really for this series of inter-

really. For this series of inter-national matches I had all sorts of injury problems, and I could never field my ideal forward-line because first Houseman was suspended by his club, and when he came back Bertoni was under suspension for that incident with Trevor Cherry. I think our preparation work so far hasn't been ideal but it's certainly been very positive. SHOOT: You mentioned problems

with the attack — that was really Argentina's weakness, wasn't it? You couldn't score goals.

MENOTTI: Exactly. If we'd scored more, the fans would have been

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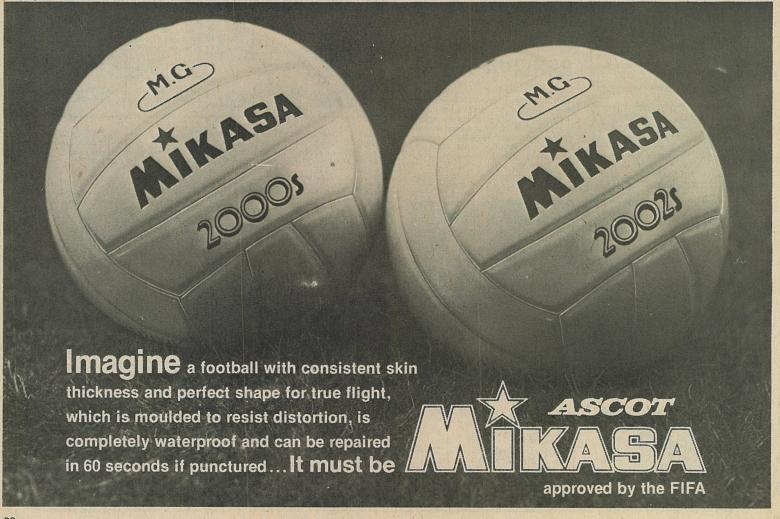
THIS WEEK:

CESAR LUIS MENOTTI **ARGENTINA** MANAGER

happier too. These matches showed we're short on striking power, and that's why I've decided to recall Kempes from Spain. We're negotiating with Valencia at the moment, and we hope to have him released in March or April. I think an attack hased on Kempes think an attack based on Kempes, Luque, Bertoni and Houseman will score a lot of goals, though Luque



had a few problems in playing against European-style stoppers. The other exile I'm thinking about recalling is Piazza, but I want to talk to him and see him in action first. Then I'd have to experiment using Daniel Killer as a stopper. I reckon I need one more midfielder, too. I'll probably have to look at Babington, though he's been play-



ARA

ing in the German Second Division

for three years now.
SHOOT: A few months ago you said you'd name your World Cup squad after this series of matches.

Why haven't you? MENOTTI: There's no hurry. At the moment I've ten names inked in for my World Cup squad. In theory that leaves me 12 spaces to fill, but I'd prefer to work with a squad of 16 or 17 players rather than the maximum of 22. I still haven't decided on the entire list because my players are very young and I wanted to see how they fared against top European opposition. Now I must do some more thinking.

SHOOT: Which was the best

of the European teams?

MENOTTI: Without a doubt West Germany, followed by Poland. I think France have potential but they didn't play much against us. The Germans played a good counterattacking game — soaking up our pressure then breaking for goal with fast raids as soon as they got possession.

Please excuse me, but I wasn't at all impressed by England or Scotland. They both played ultra-defensively, and I just don't under-stand why. If England want to be here for next year's World Cup, they've got to beat Italy soundly and hit a hatful of goals against Luxembourg. So by way of preparation they come to South America and play for draws! It just doesn't add up. You can't win the World Cup by drawing every game.

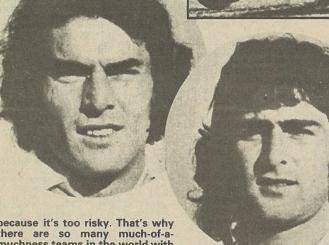
SHOOT: In Britain a lot of the Press has said the two games were vio-

lent. Do you agree?
MENOTTI: Well, I don't understand
it. I've played back the videorecordings of these games and I honestly wouldn't class either of them as dirty — they're certainly no more violent than an average

League game. SHOOT: What did you say to Bertoni and Pernia after they'd been sent-off?

MENOTTI: I didn't exactly con-gratulate them! But you've got to have a bit of understanding. There was a lot of pressure on the players to win every game and they were really keyed-up. You can't be too harsh on a player for a flash of temper. I mean, even Pele threw a punch or two in his career.

SHOOT: In some matches there was "aggro" on the terraces as well, wasn't there? Some of the fans began to chant "Lorenzo" (ex-Argentina manager and currently boss of Champions Boca Juniors) because they disapproved of your team. How did you react to that?
MENOTTI: There was nothing I could do to stop it. It annoyed me to a certain extent because it creates a bad atmosphere for the team to play in. I've nothing against Lorenzo - we simply have completely different footballing philosophies. His teams play defensive football. Mine play an attacking game because I think you've got to score goals if you want to win the World Cup. Somehow our thinking has got twisted these days. People think you shouldn't play attacking football



Mario Kempes — together again for Argentina next year? BELOW . . . Scotland's Tom Forsyth in a spot of bother against Argentina a dirty game," says Menotti.

because it's too risky. That's why there are so many much-of-a-muchness teams in the world with a solid defence but no football

personality.
SHOOT: After all the criticism you've received, have you thought of resigning?

MENOTTI: Resign? Why? I sup-pose if I wanted a quiet life for myself and my family that would



ABOVE . . . Osvaldo Piazza (left) and



to be in the "hot seat" when I accepted the job, and I'm certainly not coward enough to give up just because a few people criticise me. I still

people criticise me. I still dream about Argentina winning the World Cup.
SHOOT: Have you thought you might be sacked?
MENOTTI: I don't question the right of the Argentinian F.A. to sack me if they think I'm not doing a good job. I hope they don't because I think the F.A. has done the right thing in appointing a fullthe right thing in appointing a full-time manager four years before the World Cup. In the past, it's been a last-minute scramble. In 1962 Lorenzo was appointed manager two months before the Chile World Cup kicked-off, and everyone expected him to work miracles. In 1966 they did more or less the same — Lorenzo stepped in just before the squad left for England. In these circumstances you just can't hope to build a world-beating team. This time round the unfortunate thing is they gave me four years to pro-duce a team, but in the meantime my top players kept leaving and I've had to go back to square one several times.

SHOOT: Being realistic after your indifferent results against the Europeans, can Argentina have serious hopes of becoming World

Champions?
MENOTTI: These matches have been a very valuable experience. You see, Argentinian players tend to be afraid of European teams. We've got an inferiority complex. We're edgy and uncertain even before we run on to the pitch. But after these games, my youngsters aren't frightened any more. We've played most of Europe's best and we're not inferior. We may not end up as World Champions next year, but I can assure you we're going to be very difficult to beat.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

CHARITY SHIELD

MAN. UTD. 0at Wembley MAN. UTD. 0at Wembley 82,000 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Fair-clough, McDermott, Callaghan. Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J) (McCreery), Pearson, Macari, Hill.

LEAGUE CUP First Round, First Lea

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Crosby)

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Gough) 2,574
Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler, Dixon,
Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Hooper, Bell
(Needham), Dungworth, McGregor.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie,
Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt,
Foley, Allinson.

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Sweetzer 2)
C. PALACE A(1) 1 (Harkouk)
Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Allen, Lloyd, Kruse,
Shrubb, Salman, Graham, Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.
Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood, Sansom,
Graham, Cannon, Evans, Hilaire, Chatterton,
Bourne, Perrin, Harkouk.

BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Williams pen.)
WALSALL (1) 2 (Evans, Bater o.g.) 3,467
Bristol R; Thomas; Jones (Foreman), Bater,
Aitken, Day, Prince, Stephens, Williams, Pow-

ell, Hamilton, Evans. Walsall: Kearns; Taylor, Caswell, Newton, Serella, Hynd, Dennehy, Bates, Evans, Buckley,

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Cochrane 2)
CHESTER (0) 0 4,736
Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Ingham, Robinson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Noble, Fletcher, Flynn, Smith.
Chester: Millington; Edwards (N), Walker, Mason, Storton, Oakes, Kearney, Delgado, Edwards (I), Burns, Jeffries.

BURY (2) 3 (McIlwraith, Entwistle, Thomson)

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CREWE (0) 0 3,619
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson,
Tucker, Hatton, Woolfall, McIlwraith, Rowland,
Entwistle, Robins.
Crewe: Crudgington; Lowry, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Purdie, Davies (D), Cheetham
(McGinley), Davies (W), Bevan, Tully.

CAMBRIDGE 0

BRIGHTON 0 5,486 Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Kent, Stringer, Cambridge: Webster; batson, Kent, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Silvester, Finney, Biley (Owen). Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, O'Sullivan (Williams), Lawrenson, Potts, Ward,

Mellor, Piper, Ruggiero.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 4 (Kowalski, Dearden pen.,

Heppolette, Parker)

BARNSLEY (0) 1 (Pugh)

Chesterfield: Tingay; Tartt, Burton, Kowalski
(Fern), Cottam, O'Neill, Jones, Dearden, Green,

Parker, Heppolette, Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Burke, Saunders, Little, Wigg, Peachey, Millar (Warnock), Collier.

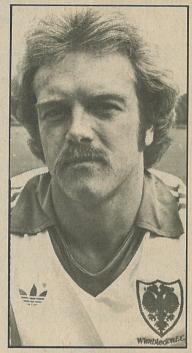
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Craig, Stone, Hague, Young, Rowles, Seal,

Maitland, Wann.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock,
Money, Bridges, O'Donnell, Oates, Kilmore,
Lumby, Keeley, Heron.

EXETER (1) 2 (Robertson 2 pens.)
PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Trusson 2) 6,712
Exeter: Baugh; Templeman, Hore, Weeks,
Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Robertson,

Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Delve, Johnson (Sutton), Austin, Trusson, Rogers.

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Westwood)
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Holmes) 4,782
Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong,
Overton, Shipperley, Hughes, Nicholl, Crabbe,
Price, Westwood, Richardson.



Billy Holmes scored Wimbledon's equaliser in their 1-1 League Cup first-leg draw with

Wimbledon: Guy; Tilley, Bryant, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Smith, Connell, Holmes, Leslie.

GRIMSBY (1) 3 (Waters 3, 1 pen.)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 2,318
Grimsby: Wainman; Cooper, Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge, Donovan, Drinkell, Liddell,

Barker, Fattluge, Bottovari, Driffkeri, Educer, Boylen, Brolly. Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Wiggett, Gibb, Simpkin, Ayre, McMordie, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby (Gaffney).

HEREFORD (2) 2 (Carter, McNeil)

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BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 3,582
Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Burrows, Layton,
Marshall, Sheedy, Carter, Spiring, Davey,
McNeil, Briley.
Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Butler,
Benson, Impey, Barton, Johnson (Paterson),
Shanahan, Howarth, Miller, Showers.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Eccles)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Ludlam) 3,774
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Hart, Gray,
Baines, Sandercock, Eccles, Howey, Butler,
Johnson, McCaffrey.
Carlisle: Ross; Carr, McCartney, Bonnyman,
McDonald, Parker, McVitie, Ludlam, Tait
(Lathan), Rafferty, Martin.

MANSFIELD (0) 0
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Ward)
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Wood, McEwan,
Mackenzie, Foster (C), Miller (McDonald),
Moss, Syrett, Hodgson, Matthews.
Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Booth, Smith
(M), Graham, Fleming, Ward, Hubbard, Smith
(D), Harding.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Kitchen, Lacy o.g.)

ORIENT (1) 2 (Kitchen, Lacy o.g.)
FULHAM (0) 0 4,704
Orient: Smuelders; Payne (Roffey), Fisher,
Gray, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozie, Allen,
Mayo, Grealish, Kitchen.
Fulham: Peyton; Storey, Strong, Bullivant,
Lacy, Gale, Margerrison, Mitchell, Warboys,
Maybank, Evanson (Howe).

(Playand at Fulham)

(Played at Fulham)

OXFORD (1) 3 (McGrogan 2, Foley) SHREWSBURY (0) 0 Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Drysdale, Bodel, Clarke, Briggs, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley (Sea-

cole), Jeffrey, Curran. Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Turner, Leonard, Irvine, Griffin, Atkins, Nixon, Hornsby, Bates, Lindsay (Hayes), Maguire.

PELERBUNUSH (1) 4 (Sargent 2, Camp 2)
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Hutchins) 3,844
Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Lee,
Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Camp, Sargent,
Hughes (Oakes), Rogers.

Bradford: Downsborough; Hardcastle (Middleton), Spark, Johnson, Nicholls, Fretwell, Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 3 (Kemp 2, 1 pen., Green) NEWPORT (1) 1 (Woods) 7,541 Portsmouth Middleton; Roberts, Wilson, Ellis, Foster, Cahill, Gilchrist, Green, Kemp, Mellows, Pollock.

Mellows, Pollock.
Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Jones,
Walker (R), Walker (S) (Villars), Preece, Relish,
Clark, Byrne, Woods.

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Beech, Alcock)

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PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce) 4,530
Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Griffiths, Ridley, Alcock, Bentley, Lamb, Beech, Brownbill, Beamish, Hemmerman.
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Brown, Smith, Elwiss,

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Tarbuck)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Horsfall)
Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Bannon, Scott, Seddon, Melledew, Morrin, Esser, Mountford, Tarbuck.
Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Loska, Flavell, Dunleavy, Bradley, Carroll, Johnston, Bullock, Lawson, Horsfall.

ROTHERHAM (1) 3 (Finney, Gwyther 2) 2,462

YORK (0) 0 2,462 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin,

Rothernam: McAllster; Forrest, Breckin, Young, Spencer, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
York: Neenan; Scott, Hutt, Topping, James, Holmes, Pollard, Young, Hope, Staniforth, Woodward.

SHEFF. WED (3) 5 (Wylde 3, Porterfield,

Walden)
DONCASTER (2) 2 (O'Callaghan, Jones) 7,230
Sheff, W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury,
Cusack, Dowd, Leman, Wylde, Johnson,
Tynan, Porterfield, Bradshaw.
Doncaster: Biggins; Reed, Hemsley, Owen,
Wignall (Robinson), Taylor, Miller, Jones,
O'Callaghan, Bentley, Laidlaw.

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Goodwin, Foggon) NORTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Reilly, Farrington, Wil-

NORTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Reilly, Farrington, Williams) 4,654
Southend: Rafter; Moody, Banks, Laverick,
Townsend, Young, Morris, Goodwin, Parker,
Polycarpou, Foggon.
Northampton: Parton; Tucker, Bryant, Lid-dle, Robertson, Best, Farrington, Williams,
Reilly, Haywood, McGowan.

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Moore, G.)
SWINDON (3) 3 (Anderson, Trollope,
Guthrie) 7,000
Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Smith,
May, Davids, James, Moore (K) (Charles), Curtis, Moore (G), Chappell.
Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope,
Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Kamara,
Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Livermore o.g.)

CARDIFF (0) 0 3,925
Torquay: Lee (T); Darke, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Rudge, Lee (C), Lawrence,

Brown, Raper. Cardiff: Healey; Attley, Charles, Campbell, Dwyer, Larmour, Buchanan, Livermore, Evans, Sayer, Giles.

TRANMERE (0) 0
SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Gay)
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry,
Philpotts, Palios, Peplow, Tynan, Moore,
Evans, Allen.
Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil,
Brooks, Fisher, Gay, Hilton (Higham), Wilson,
Ashworth, Cooper.

WATFORD (0) 2 (Mercer 2)

READING (1) 1 (Nelson) 5,722
Watford: Sherwood; Geidmintis, Pritchett,
Bond, Ellis, Garner, Coffill, Mayes, Marcer, Bolton, Downes.

Reading: Turner; Peters, Lewis, Murray, Hetzke, Moreline, Earles, Nelson, Hiron, Bow-man, Britten.

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Ashcroft)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 4,535
Wrexham: Lloyd; Hill, Dwyer, Davis,
Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Ashcroft,
Whittle, Cartwright.

Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Loadwick, Sum-nerbee, Rutter, Fogarty, Halford, Fletcher, rudham, Massey, Jackson (McBeth).

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Jarvie 2, Harper)
RANGERS (1) 1 (Russell) 33,000
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland,
Smith (Davidson), Garner, Miller, Jarvie,
Shirra, Harper, Fleming, McMaster.
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Miller, Forsyth,
Jackson, McDonald, McKay (McKean), Russell,
Parlane, Robertson, Cooper.

DUNDEE UTD 0 DUNDEE UTD 0

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Stanton (Doyle), McDonald, Aitken, Glavin, Edvaldsson, Craig, Bonds, Conn (Lennox).

Dundee: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming,

Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace, Kirkwood Addison, Payne.

MOTHERWELL 0 8,855 Hibs: McDonald; McNamara, Smith, Brazil, Stewart, Blackley, Duncan, Bremner, Scott, MacLeod, Carroll.

Motherwell: Muir; Watson, Wark, McAdam,

McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Miller (J), Davidson, Purdie.

PARTICK (2) 2 (Houston, Somner pen.)
AYR (1) 2 (McCall pen., Masterton) 4,000
Partick: Rough; Hansen, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Gibson, Houston, Melrose
(McQuade), Love, Somner, Craig.
Ayr: Sproat; Rodman (Fillipi), Kelly, Fleming,
McAnespie, Hannah, McColl, McSherry, Masterton, McCulloch, Cramond.

ST. MIRREN (1) 1 (Torrance pen.)
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Larnach) 8,200
St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Johnston,
Fitzpatrick, Reid, McAveety (Borthwick), Abercrombie (McGettrick), Stark, McGarvey, Torrance McDowell

rance, McDowell.
Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon,
McLaughlin, Houston, O'Brien, McCall, Larnach, McCallan, Lumsden.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16

LEAGUE CUP

First Round, second-leg

BARNSLEY ',J) 3 (McCarthy, Price, Warnock)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 3,677
Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh,
Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price, Peachey,
Little, Collier.
Chesterfield: Tingay; Tartt, Burton, Fern,
Cottam, O'Neill, Jones, Dearden, Green,
Parker, Heppolette (Kowalski).

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 4 (Showers, Barton pen.,

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HEREFORD (1) 2 (Spiring 2) 2,198
Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Butler, Benson, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Howarth (Paterson), Riley, Miller.
Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Burrows, Layton, Marshall, Sheedy (Ritchie), Briley, Carter, Davey, McNeil, Spiring.

CAMBRIDGE 0

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Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, O'Sullivan, Lawrenson, Potts, Ward, Mellor, Piper, Ruggiero (Fell).
Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Kent (Streete), Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Silvester, Finney, Biley.

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Martin, Rafferty)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Butler 2)
Carlisle: Swinburne; Carr, McCartney,
Bonnyman, MacDonald, Parker, McVitie, Lud-lam, Tait (Lathan), Rafferty, Martin.
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Baines, Hart,
Sandercock, Gray, Howey, Johnson, Eccles,
Butler, McCaffrey.

COLCHESTER (2) 4 (Howitt o.g., Dowman,

Froggatt 2)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Needham) 3,360
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie,
Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt,

Foley, Allinson.
Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt (Brodie),
Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby,
Hooper, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

PALACE (1) 5 (Cannon, Graham, Salman

o.g., Harkouk 2) BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Phillips) Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Hilaire, Cannon, Evans, Graham, Chatterton,

Bourne, Perrin, Harkouk. Brentford; Bond; Fraser, Allen, Lloyd, Kruse, Shrubb, Salman (Glynn), Graham, Sweetzer,

SHEFF. WED (1) 3 (Porterfield, Wylde, Tynan)

Doncaster: Biggins; Robinson, Hemsley, Laidlaw, Reed, Taylor (Wignall), Miller, Owen, O'Callaghan, Jones, Bentley. Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Cusack, Dowd, Leman, Wylde, Johnson, Tynan, Porterfield, Bradshaw.

FULHAM (1) 2 (Maybank 2)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Allen)
Fulham: Peyton; Storey, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Gale, Margerrison, Mitchell, Warboys, Maybank, Evanson (Howe).
Orient: Smeulders; Payne, Fisher, Gray, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozie, Allen, Mayo, Grealish, Kitchen.

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Lawson)
ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Esser, Mountford)
Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Loska, Bradley
(Bell), Dunleavy, Johnston, Flavell, Lawson,
Carroll, Bullock, Horsfall.
Rochdale: Poole, Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Scott, Bannon, Melledew, Seddon, Mountford, Esser, Tarbuck.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Bielby)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Donovan, Drinkell) 2,733
Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Wiggett, Gibb,
Ayre, Simpkin (Gaffney), McMordie, Downing,

Newton, Poskett, Bielby.
Grimsby: Wainman; Cooper, Moore, Waters,
Barker, Partridge, Brolly, Liddell, Drinkell, Barker, Partridge Donovan, Boylen.

NEWPORT (3) 3 (Clark, Walker, Wilson o.g.) PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Pollock, Ellis) 3,200 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Walker (S) (Villars), Walker (R), Jones, Preece, Woods,

Clark, Relish, Byrne.
Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Wilson,
Ellis, Foster, Cahill, Pollock, Kemp, Gilchrist, Green, Mellows.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Best, Martin)
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Morris)
Northampton: Parton; Tucker, Bryant, Liddle, Robertson, Best (Christie), Farrington, Martin, Williams, Reilly, McGowan.
Southend: Rafter; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Townsend, Young, Morris, Goodwin, Parker, Polycarpou, Foggon.

PLYMOUTH 0

7,639
Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Delve, Austin, Trusson, Rogers.

Exeter: Baugh; Templeman, Hore, Weeks (Holman), Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Bowker, Beer, Jennings.

PRESTON (0) 2 (Elwiss 2)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Hemmerman)
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Wilson, Doyle,
Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Brown, Smith (Thomson), Elwiss, Bruce.
Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Griffiths, Ridley, Alcock, Bentley, Lamb, Beech,
Brownbill, Beamish, Hemmerman.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 3 (Lumby, Kilmore, Oates)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Wann, pen.) 2,971
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock,
O'Donnell (Pilling), Money, Bridges, Oates, Kil-

more, Keeley, Lumby, Heron.
Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane,
Hague, Craig, Stone (Maitland), Nattress,
Rowles, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Bates, Turner)
OXFORD (1) 2 (Foley, Seacole)
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Hayes, Roberts,
Turner, Griffin, Atkins, Nixon, Hornsby, Bates,
Irvine, Maguire.
Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Drysdale, Bodel,
Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Briggs, Foley, Curran (Seacole), Taylor.

SOUTHPORT (0) 2 (Cooper, Brooks)
TRANMERE (1) 2 (Allen pen., Tynan) 2,264
Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil,
Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Ashworth, Gay,

Cooper. Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen (James).

SWINDON (1) 2 (Moss, Anderson)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Charles)
Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope,
Stroud, Aizlewood (Ford), Prophett, Moss,
Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Smith
(Conway), May, Davies, Moore (K), James,
Curtis, Moore (G), Charles.

WALSALL (1) 1 (Bater o.g.)

BRISTOL R (0) 0 Walsall: Kearns; Taylor, Caswell, Hynd, Serella, Newton, Dennehy (Clarke), Bates, Evans, Buckley, Birch.
Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Aitken, Prince, Day, Williams, Stephens, Foreman, Powell (Jones), Hamilton, Evans.

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Bassett, Connell, Holmes)
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Price) 3,868
Wimbledon: Guy; Tilley, Bryant, Donaldson,
Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Smith, Connell
(Davies), Holmes, Leslie.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong,
Overton, Shipperley, Hughes, Nicholl, Crabbe,
Price, Westwood, Richardson.

YORK (1) 3 (Topping, Hoy, Staniforth)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0
1,671
York: Neenan; Scott, Hutt, Young, Topping,
James, Pollard, Holmes, Hope, Woodward
(Hoy), Staniforth.
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin,

Gwyther, Green, Spencer, Finney, Phillips, Young, Goodfellow, Crawford.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

CUP-WINNERS' CUP Preliminary Round first-leg

RANGERS (1) 1 (Greig)

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YOUNG BOYS (0) 0 30,000
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth,
Jackson, MacDonald, McLean (MacKay), Russell, Parlane (Smith), Robertson, Cooper.
Young Boys: Weissbaum; Brechbuhl, Burk-

hardt, Castella, Conz, Leuzinger, Lorenz, Mul-ler, Odermatt, Rebmann, Mast.

LEAGUE CUP First Round, second-leg

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Cooke)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Camp) 3,576
Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Spark,
Johnson (Martinez), Nicholls, Fretwell, Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.
Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Lee,
Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Camp, Sargent,
Oakes, Rogers.

CARDIFF (2) 3 (Dwyer, Giles, Sayer)
TORQUAY (2) 2 (Lee C., Brown)
Cardiff: Healey, Attley, Charles (Pontin),
Campbell, Dwyer, Larmour, Grapes, Livermore, Evans, Sayer, Giles



Manchester United's Lou Macari scored three goals against Birmingham on the opening day of the Football League term.

Torquay: Lee (T); Darke, Parsons (Allder), Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Rudge, Lee (C), Law-rence, Brown, Raper.

CHESTER (1) 1 (Kearney)
BURNLEY (0) 0
Chester: Millington; Edwards (N) (Howat),
Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Mason,
Edwards (I), Kearney, Jeffries, Burns.
Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan,
Noble (Burke), Robinson, Rodaway, Ingham,
Smith, Fletcher, Flynn, Cochrane.

CREWE (1) 1 (McGinley)
BURY (1) 1 (Entwistle)
Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), Cheetham (Betts), McGinley, Purdie, Tully.
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hatton, Woolfall, McIlwraith, Rowland (Bailey), Entwistle, Robins.

MANSFIELD 0 5,761
Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Booth, Smith
(M), Graham, Fleming, Ward, Hubbard, Smith
(D) (Crombie), Harding.
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Wood, McEwan,
Mackenzie, Foster (C), Matthews, Moss, Syrett,
Hodgson, Miller.

READING (1) 1 (Murray pen.)
WATFORD (0) 0 4,533
Reading: Turner; Peters, Lewis, Murray,
Hetzke, Moreline, Earles, Nelson, Hiron, Bowman (Kearns), Britten.
Watford: Sherwood; Geidmintis, Pritchett,
Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Bond, Mercer, Jenkins
(Downes), Bolton, Mayes.

STOCKPORT (0) 1(Fogarty)

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Whittle) 4,926 Stockport: Rogan; Halford, Rutter, Fogarty, Loadwick, Thompson, Summerbee, McBeth,

Loadwick, Inompson, Summerbee, Micbetti, Fletcher (Daniels), Prudham, Massey. Wrexham: Lloyd; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Ashcro.t, Whittle, Cartwright (Griffiths).

SCOTTISH **LEAGUE** CUP

First Round, first-leg ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Fleming 2, Shirra)

ABRORE (1) 1 (Kerr) 10,400
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith (Davidson), Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Shirra, Harper, Fleming, Jarvie.

ALLOA (2) 5 (Little, Russell, Forrest, Fairley, Morrison)
STRANRAER (2) 3 (Frye 3)

CLYDEBANK (2) 5 (Smith D. o.g., McCallan,

McColl 2, Larnach)

EAST FIFE (0) 0 1,000

Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McLaughlin, Houston, O'Brien, McCall, Larnach, McCallan, Lumsden.

DUNDEE UTD (3) 5 (Wallace, Sturrock, Kirk-

wood, Hegarty, Robinson)

ALBION (0) 0 3,138

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Robinson, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock (McAdam), Walace, Kirkwood, Addison, Payne.

HIBS (1) 1 (McLeod) 5,000 Q OF S (1) 2(O'Hara, Dickson pen.) Hibs: McDonald; McNamara, Schaedler, Bremner, Stewart, Blackley (Fyfe), Duncan, McLeod, Rae, Smith, Scott.

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Lowe) 1,500 DUNDEE (2) 3 (Strachan, Hutchinson, Pirie)

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Hibbitt)
MAN. UTD. (2) 4 (Macari 3, Hill) 28,005
Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood,
Pendry, Towers, Howard, Page, Jones, Francis,
Bertschin, Hibbitt, Connolly,
Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy,
Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, McCreery,
Pagson (Grimes) Macari Villel,

Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, McCreery, Pearson (Grimes), Macari, Hill.

BRISTOL C (1) 2 (Cormack 2 pens) WOLVES (1) 3 (Carr pen., Sunderland, Patching) 25,136
Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Merrick, Gow, Col-

lier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Cormack, Garland, Whitehead.

Wolves: Parkes; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, McAlle, Daly, Carr, Richards, Sunderland, Kin-don, Patching.

COVENTRY (0) 3(Ferguson 2, Wallace) DERBY (1) 1 (Nish) 17,740

Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison. Derby: Boulton; Langan, Nish, Daly, McFar-land, Todd, O'Riordan, King, Hales, Hector,

EVERTON (1) 1 (Pearson)
NOTTM FOREST (2) 3 (Withe, Robertson,

O'Neill) 38,001
Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Kenyon,
Higgins, King, Darracott (Goodlass), Pearson,
McKenzie, Thomas.
Nottm F: Middleton; Anderson, Clark,
McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer,
Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Geddis)

ARSENAL (0) 0 30,173 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne, Gates, Mariner, Ged-

dis, Woods. Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Ross, Young, O'Leary, Powling, Brady (Price), Mac-donald, Stapleton, Rix.

MAN. CITY 0
45,963
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie,
Doyle, Watson, Booth, Owen, Channon, Royle,
Hartford, Tueart.
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe,
Kelly, Sims, Woollett, Alderson, Kember,
Worthington, Sammels, Earle.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Armstrong)
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Dalglish) 31,000
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Maddren, Mahoney, Mills, Woof
(Hickton), McAndrew, Armstrong.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Callaghan.

NEWCASTLE (2) 3 (Burns 2, Kennedy)
LEEDS (1) 2 (Hankin, Lorimer pen.) 36,491
Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattrass, Kennedy,
Cassidy, McCaffrey, Bird, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Gowling, Craig (T).
Leeds: Stewart; Reaney, Cherry, Lorimer,
McQueen, Madeley, Gray (E), McNiven, Hankin
(Gray F.); Currie, Graham.

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Eastoe) ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Carrodus, Deehan) 25,431 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Webb, Eastoe, Francis (Williams),

Masson, Bowles, Givens.
Villa: Rimmer; Gregory, Smith, Phillips,
McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Cowans,
Cropley, Carrodus.

W.B.A. (0) 3 (Brown T. 2, 1 pen., Cross) 20,145 CHELSEA (0) 0 20,145
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown
(T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Cunningham,

Cross, Robson, Johnston. Chelsea: Phillips; Locke, Sparrow, Stanley. Wicks, Harris, Britton, Wilkins (R), Finnieston, Lewington, Langley.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Robson pen.)
NORWICH (1) 3 (Ryan, Jones 2) 28,178
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Pike,
Taylor (T), Lock, Taylor (A), Robson (B), Radford, Brooking, Devonshire.
Norwich: Keelan; Ryan, Sullivan, Evans,
Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Busby, Reeves,
Suggest Gibbins

Suggett, Gibbins.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Suddaby)
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Halom pen.) 11,021
Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Harrison, Mc
Ewan, Hart, Suddaby, Ainscow, Tong, Walsh,
Hatton, Finnigan (Sinclair).
Oldham: Ogden; Wood, Holt, Bell, Edwards,
Hurst, Valentine, Halom, Young, Chapman,
Groves.

BURNLEY (0) 0

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BUTTON (0) 1 (Greaves) 14,716
Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan,
Burke, Robinson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham,
Loggie (Smith), Flynn, Morley.
Bolton: McDonagh; Clements, Dunne,
Greaves, Allardyce, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Thompson.

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Went)
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Randall)
Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Attley, Buchanan,
Went, Larmour, Grapes, Livermore, Evans,
Sayer, Giles.
Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day,
Taylor, Prince, Stephens, Williams, Randall
(Staniforth), Hamilton, Evans.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK. DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SHOOT CAESAR RULES O.K. AT ABERDEEN

A LOT of eyebrows were raised North of the border when former Celt Billy McNeill was named as the successor to Ally MacLeod as manager of Aberdeen.

Only two months before that appointment he had come out of retirement to take over from Stan Anderson as the Clyde boss. It looked as though he was prepared to spend his managerial "apprenticeship" at Shawfield, but he hardly moved in when he was shifting again.

"It was a pity it worked out that ay," admits McNeill. "However, way," admits McNeill. "However, the Aberdeen job was just too good to turn down and I hoped everyone at Clyde, the directors, the players and the fans, under-

stood the position.
"I was impressed immediately by the Pittodrie set-up and I am delighted to be in charge of such a talented bunch of players. Okay, I know I may have been a defensive player in my days at Parkhead, but no one likes to attack more than myself.

I want Aberdeen to be entertaining and successful obviously. I won't be copying his tactics. I have my own ideas and I am looking forward into putting them into operation.

Those ideas certainly paid a huge dividend in McNeill's opening Premier Division game this season against old foes Rangers at Pittodrie. "I had faced Rangers on " Pittodrie. "I had faced Rangers on countless occasions as a player," he says, "but it's a whole new ball game when you are sitting in the manager's chair, believe me.

"I was desperate to start the season with a victory and then take it from there. We worked on tactics and planning in pre-season friendlies, but so many things can

go wrong on the day when you don't get a run of the ball.

"To be honest, I was a bit disappointed when Rangers lost to West Brom the previous Sunday in the Final of the Tennent-Caledonian Cup at Ibrox."

"I wanted them to come to Pit-todrie as a successful outfit. That would have made victory over them look even more impressive. As it was, I couldn't have been happier with our win."



McNeill's team really fought for their 3-1 victory over the lbrox men. The former Celtic captain and inspiration has got his team fight-ing for every ball and there are no

Drew Jarvie never built a reputa-tion as being a ball-winner, but he won two challenges before setting up the third goal with a flick to

up the third goal with a flick to John McMaster, who caused panic in the Rangers' rearguard with a low cross and Joe Harper eventually hammered it past McCloy.

"And don't forget Jocky Scott and Davie Robb didn't play in that game," says McNeill. "They were still in the States, but their experience will be vital to the team."

Former Kilmarnock leader lan

Former Kilmarnock leader lan Fleming looked as though he was heading for the soccer scrapheap, but now he has been rejuvenated by the arrival of McNeill.

He was always in the thick of it against Rangers and Tom Forsyth had a rough 90 minutes. Showing the pressure was on him, Forsyth made an uncharacteristic mistake that allowed Fleming to set up the first goal, scored by Jarvie.

Aberdeen followed up that Rangers' victory by beating Airdrie 3-1 in the League Cup and then a 3-1 win at Clydebank in the League.

So will McNeill retain that gold-

en touch he found at Parkhead? It's too early to predict anything at the moment, but there can be no doubt the Jock Stein influence is

going to be a benefit at Pittodrie.

McNeill, known in his playing days as Caesar, is used to only the best soccer can offer. He isn't about to change that outlook now.

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ROYLE: There certainly seems to be a pattern in our "derby" games. They are not usually 1-0 affairs, though I thought United's 3-1 win over us at Maine Road last season was flattering to you.

GREENHOFF: Everything depends so much on the way the ball runs—and there is no way of predicting that. But we are hoping Lou Macari and Sammy Mcllroy will be controlling things in midfield, where City are likely to be more defensive than us, with three players against our two.

ROYLE: Well, I always believe that when they have to defend, it is United who make sure they have plenty of players behind the ball! And in midfield, we have Asa Hartford, who is full of attacking ideas. But when I compare both teams right through from defence to attack, Jimmy, it seems to me there is little to choose between them and the game must be close.

GREENHOFF: I agree on that point, Joe. There is little needed to tip the balance either way, and it

ROYLE: United did the "double" over City in their League meetings last season, Jimmy. So we'll be out for our revenge this time.

Manchester City v. Manchester United Maine Road, September 10th

BIG MATCH

born in Manchester.

GREENHOFF: It's the same with me. I'm not bothered too much by the occasion — but players who have been with United since they were kids, like my brother Brian, and Sammy McIlroy, are very much aware that the game is very different from the ordinary League fixture.

ROYLE: It is worse for players who live in the city and can't escape critical fans if their side has lost during the week after the match. Yet even though "derby" games are important to both United and City, there is no ill-feeling between the players on either team.

GREENHOFF: True, Joe, and I hope this match lives up to its billing and is attractive to watch for the spectators. I'm anticipating only one goal between us at the end, regardless of how many goals are scored — and I would love to get the winner.

ROYLE: We'll be watching you, Jimmy — and Stuart Pearson. I think we can be the side to score

GREENHOFF: There should be plenty of action, Joe, because we'll be playing our usual attacking game and looking for goals. And I think a few will be scored.

JIMMY GREENHOFF

JOE ROYLE

could be the contribution of a particular player on the day which decides who comes out on top. For example, Steve Coppell could be one of our key men.

ROYLE: I rate Steve very highly, and he is capable of unsettling any defence. Fortunately, we are lucky in having Dave Watson at centre-half, for me the best in the business over the last two years —

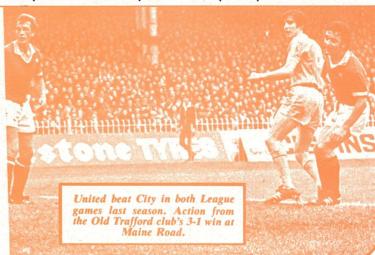
also, there is Willie Donachie, a great full-back who doesn't always get the credit he deserves.

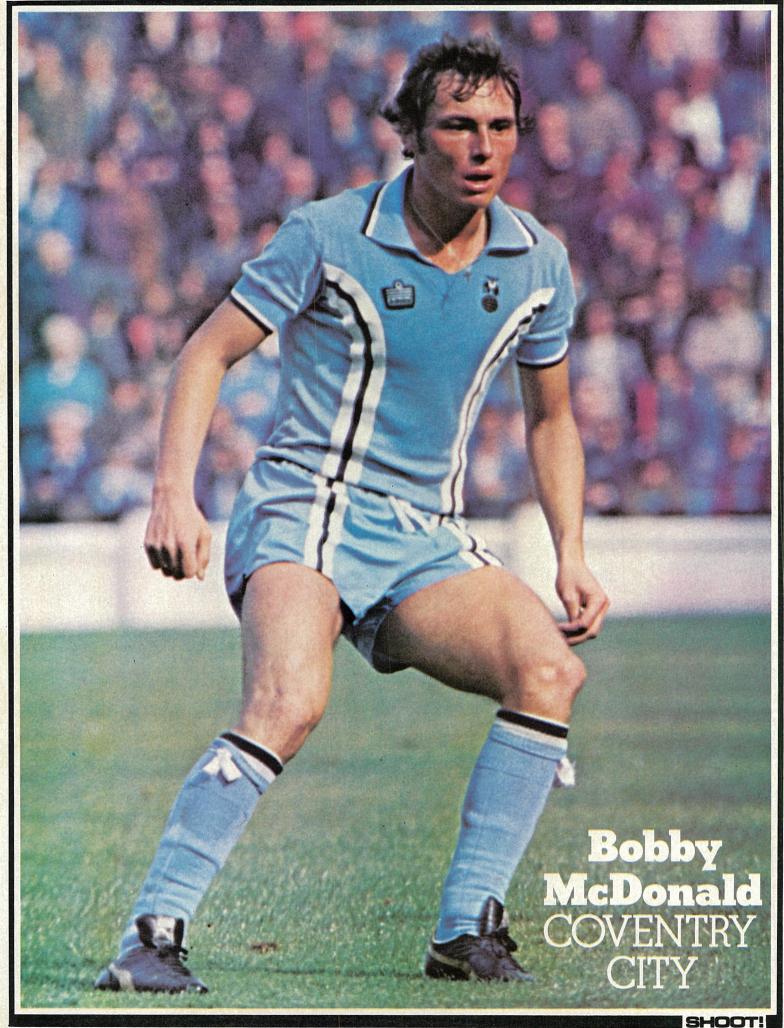
GREENHOFF: For United, we rely on Martin Buchan to organise our defence, and I know you, personally, will be trying 100 per cent to score. And the atmosphere will be tremendous, as it always is in these matches, with both sides receiving plenty of support. ROYLE: Yes, it's like a home match for both teams, with the fans divided 50-50. Although I must admit when I was with Everton, the "derbies" with Liverpool affected me more because I was a local. Here at Maine Road it is players like Mike Doyle, Joe Corrigan and Tommy Booth who are more conscious of the "derby" atmosphere because they were

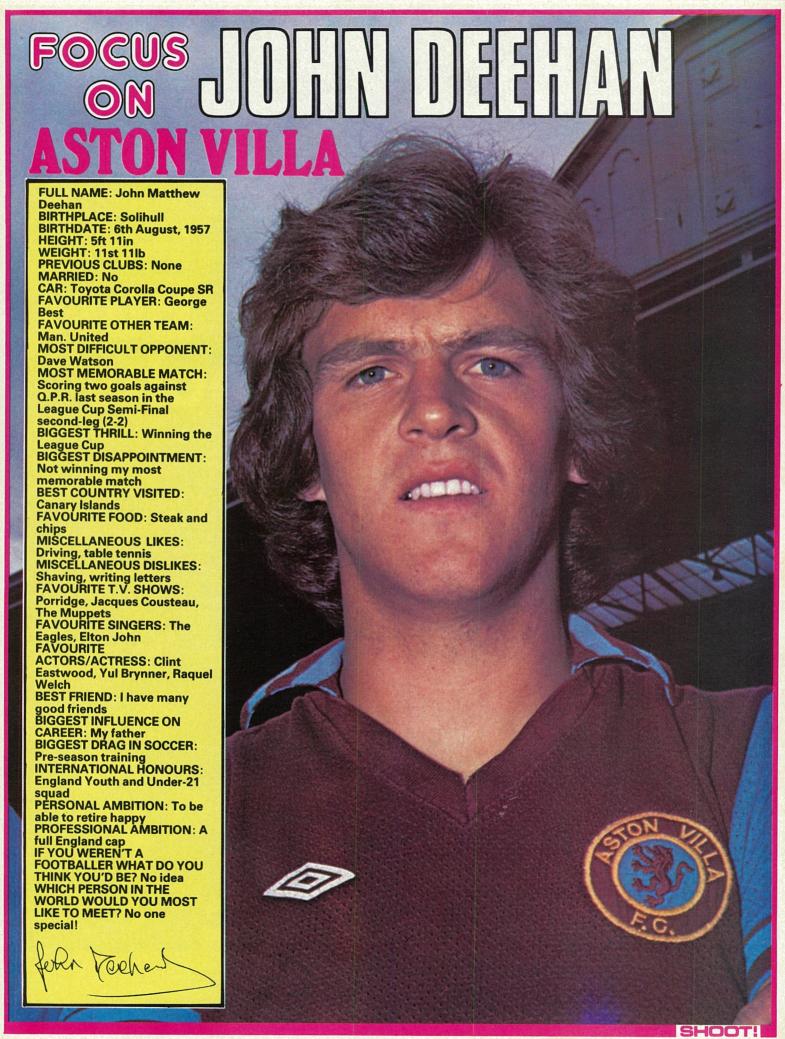
the clincher, and we are a more consistent team now than we were two or three years ago. Two seasons ago we beat United 4-0 in the League Cup — but if we can win by only half that number of goals I'll be satisfied.

GREENHOFF: I'm convinced we'll beat City — and go on to win the Championship.









SEPTEMBER is looming up as a real crunch month for all those interested in the fortunes of Celtic and Scotland.

On the club front, assuming we have overcome Motherwell in the Second Round of the League Cup, we will have a Third Round tie later in the month ... but that apart take a look at the League fixtures.

This Saturday, September 10th, sees the opening Old Firm game of the season. We will be facing Ran-

the season. We will be facing Rangers at Ibrox in a match that needs introducing only to those who have just arrived from Mars.

No matter how badly or well either club is doing it is always anybody's game. On top of that Rangers are likely to field a team of new faces. There could be as many as four Old Firm match debutants



Talent and personalities are still in abundance at the home of the

Scottish Champions despite the departure of one Kenny Dalglish.
Roy Aitken, Roddy McDonald and Tommy Burns were absolutely brilliant on our tour of Australia and the Far East and left me in no doubt that very shortly they will be Lisbon class.

I am confident enough about our European Cup hopes this season, but when I see how well the boss's

but when I see how well the boss's youth policy is working I feel we might really see the best of this Celtic side the following year:

Mind you, it all depends so much on the draw. I have always be lieved that to win the European Cup you must get it easy early on ... because when it comes to the Quarter and Semi stage after March anything can happen.

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for itself and the first time I saw
The Saints was in the pre-season
Rangers tournament at Ibrox.

They looked a fair team and
were, I thought, a bit unlucky to
lose to Southampton in the playoff for third place. As it happened,
after scoring three goals against
West Brom on the Saturday they
were pipped against Lawrie
McMenemy's boys by a Peter
Osgood goal that had c-l-a-s-s
written all over it.

The big man waltzed through
The Saints' defence like Fred
Astaire and knocked the ball past
Donald Hunter.

Inexperience will be the Paisley
hang-up this term although that
will be drastically improved with
the return of Jackie Copland after
injury. The former Dundee United
defender was a great signing for

... Bobby Russell, Gordon Smith, Davie Cooper and Billy McKay. The following Saturday the Celts

are off to Aberdeen to take on The Dons for the first time since my big mate Billy McNeill took over as manager.

What a start to the Premier Division season Caesar had with a victory over Rangers!

Then to wrap up the tough old month in style, Clydebank make their Premier bow at Parkhead. More about them later.

On the international scene Scotland faced East Germany in Berlin on September 7th, but the real crunch comes on the 21st in front of an 85,000 sell-out crowd at Hampden.

Win or bust is the story against the Czechs. It won't be bust ... I can't help feeling we have been through it all before. Cast your mind back four years to a winter's night at Hampden when World

front, I want to record my enthusiasm about becoming skipper of Celtic.

lt is a great honour, of course, but I have to confess I find little difference in any way. I think it is a good thing to have the skipper coming from the back where he has a better view of things, but I won't find any difficulty doing the

When the team sheets announce
Danny McGrain (capt) this season
it will just be another sign of the
changing face of Celtic.
The cycle has gone the full
revolution again and manager

Jock Stein has taken the club back to the pre-Lisbon Lion days when he had a young side looking really good for the future.

We proved by winning the tournament in Australia which in cluded Arsenal and Red Star that we can match Europe's best. The more I think about it, the more I realise that European glory might only be just around the correct

only be just around the corner. We open our European camwe open our European campaign against Luxembourg Champions, Jeunesse Esch, on September 14th, at Parkhead. Six years ago, Chelsea beat them 21-nil on aggregate. They've no doubt improved since then, but there's no way they'll stop us getting a high score ting a high score.

Back on the home front the third season of Premier Division football is now under way, boosted by the presence of St. Mirren and

I have never seen The Bankies play although their record speaks

Alex Ferguson and I have always

been a fan of his talents.

That apart, I suppose the only way you can get experience is by playing away and learning the lessons as you go along. Even the best teams were inexperienced

See you same place in two

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG



MHYROR

WAS AS surprised as anyone when I scored Partick Thistle's opening Premier Division goal this season against Ayr United at

John Craig, brother of Newcastle's Tommy, swung over a cross from the left wing and I outjumped the Ayr defence to send a header away from goalkeeper Hugh Sproat. It wasn't a bad goal if you don't mind me saying so myself, but there was one special reason I was surprised.

The fact is I didn't think I would be playing for Thistle at all this

I honestly thought I would have been transferred from the club before the start of the new term and I heard a lot of whispers. For instance, one newspaper said there was the likelihood of a swop deal between myself and Ayr United's Davie McCulloch.

On the day I read that, I also saw in another newspaper the deal had been proposed and called off. Boy, was I baffled!

Anyway, I still thought I would be on the move until I had a talk with the manager, Bertie Auld.

BOBBY HOUSTON (Partick Thistle)

Then some things were sorted out and, needless to say, I am delighted I am still at Firhill.

I hope that opening goal against Ayr United is a good omen. Two seasons ago I hit our first goal at the start of the season in a League Cup match against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park and I think I had a fairly good term.

I might have dropped out of the international limelight, but I am determined to get back right in again. I was capped at Under-23 level when Jock Stein was in charge and I was really impressed

Actually, it's difficult to find anyone who has a bad word to say about Mr Stein. His record speaks for itself and a lot of his influence has rubbed off on Mr Auld, a former Celtic player, of course. That can only be to the benefit of everyone at Firhill.

Mr Stein has earned himself the reputation of being a strict discip-linarian and no one can argue it



doesn't bring results. Mr Auld, too, doesn't stand for any nonsense and quite right, too.

I suspect Partick Thistle shocked a lot of people by not only staying in the Premier last season, but by also finishing fifth, which is a very respectable position for a part-time club. Only Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee United finished with more points than us. Obviously we will be wanting to

improve upon that. It will be difficult, but that is what this wonderful game of soccer is all about. It's a constant challenge and there is no place for anyone who cannot stand the strain.

I believe Thistle might just win something this year. We'll be hav-ing a real go at the Championship, but if we can't take that - and, let's face it, we are not among the favourites to do so — then it would be good to win either the Scottish Cup or hopefully the League Cup.

We could do very well in these knock-out competitions. Look at the players we have for a start. There's Alan Rough in goal. There's not much more I can say about his ability, is there? He has proved himself to be the best Scottish 'keeper around at the moment.

Alan Hansen may have gone to Liverpool, but we still have his brother John and he is a player of outstanding ability. Brian Whit-taker is a good, attacking left-back and Jackie Campbell is one of the most experienced defenders in the

lan Gibson is a classy player and Doug Somner will score goals in any company. Jim Melrose, too, can be deadly in that penalty box. Actually EVERYONE has a key role to play at Firhill this season.

Last term we consolidated our place in the Top Ten. Now we want to take it from there and shock some more of our critics.

Tommy's out for more honours

AS A MANAGER Tommy Gemmell (left) in his days at Celtic and (above) as he is today.

HEN Tommy Gemmell was a VV player everyone knew he was on the field. Those incredible, Cavalier-like charges into attack from his left-back position endeared him to the fans of Celtic, Nottingham Forest and Dundee.

Now, as a manager, Gemmell is still displaying those same qualities. He is not hiding in his new role as boss at Dens Park and has been out and about meeting the fans at functions and doing his best to entice the missing thousands back to supporting The Dark Blues.

"Everyone knows what a successful Dundee side means to Scottish soccer," says Gemmell. "They have a reputation for putting the accent on good football, but I don't want us to look nice and not get the right sort of

'If I have to sacrifice some of the entrancing moves and instil

character then I will. I want Dundee to be successful.

"I don't see any point in earning a lot of praise for our football and not gaining from it when the

honours are being handed out.
"My main aim this season will
be to get the club into the Premier
Division. I want it to be a side
worthy of a Top Ten place. Again,
what is the use of going up if we don't have a side to last the pace in the Premier?
"I brought Jimmy Johnstone to

the club because he is a big-time player, a personality. I want his flair to rub off on the other players and I'm sure they will benefit. "I bought lan McDougall from

Rangers because of his strength in the middle of the park. He is a good, versatile player and I'm sure he will settle into our pattern of play without too much difficulty.
"I am aiming to build a solid pool

of players here. Everyone must play his part in getting this club back to its rightful position at the

Dundee found out last season just how tough the First Division is. They were expected to win the Championship and rejoin the Premier after a one year absence.

However, as Gemmell knows only too well, it did not work out like that and it ended with former Rangers and Clyde boss Davie White being sacked for the second time in his career as a boss.

St. Mirren and Clydebank, with the accent on youth, left Dundee trailing as they thundered up the First Division and straight into the Premier. Now Dundee have it all to

It won't be easy. Hearts, Kilmarnock and Morton are all determined to win the right for promotion, but the signs are Gemmell has his side working on the right lines.

Their faults were exposed in a pre-season friendly against his former Celtic team-mate Billy McNeill's new club Aberdeen when they went down 4-0.

However, Gemmell worked hard with his side after that game and they won their opening League match 3-0 against Airdrie, who are one of the most resolute teams in

"I was quite happy with the way the lads played against Airdrie," says Gemmell, "but we still have a long way to go. There are a lot of things upon which we can improve. "I want us to do the simple

things well. We will have to stop making the basic errors, the silly mistakes that can be so costly.
Once these things are sorted out
we can progress from there."
Gemmell was never known as a

quitter in his playing career. He left the playing side at the right time. "I had nothing left to prove on the field," he says. And now the man who is known as "The Danny Kaye of Soccer" wants to laugh all the way into the Premier Division at the end of the season.

I was surprised to see in one of the statistical sections of the May/June "Campaign Cavalcade" that Newport were listed as one of the four clubs which had to apply for re-election to the League! Is SHOOT anti-Welsh or some-

MARK JENKINS, CARDIFF

Not at all, look you, Mark! In fact, we're all full of praise at the way New-port gallantly fought themselves safely clear of what for a long time seemed a hopeless situation.

hopeless situation.

In the end, as you and other readers will know, they survived with a couple of points from their very last game — a fixture postponed from the previous December — three days after the scheduled League season ended.

But, responsible for compiling the feature, I simply can't think up any rational excuse. It was just one of those silly slips-of-the-pen which shouldn't happen — but, alas, sometimes DO!

On the air

When was the first "live" radio running commentary on a match, who played in it, and who was the commentator?

NEIL PALMER, ANDOVER

● It was just over 50 years ago, Neil — a First Division game between Arsenal and Sheffield United, at Highbury, on

and Sherifield Officed, at Flightoury, on 2nd January, 1927. The commentator was H. B. T. Wakelam — a well-known Rugby Union player and personality! "Teddy" Wakelam got the task, it's

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said, because he's just made a very good job of doing the commentary on an England-Wales R.U. international at Twickenham — Britain's first "live" sporting outside-broadcast — and, in those pioneering radio days, there wasn't anyone else available for the "new" soccer experiment!

Final Replays

How often has there been a replay in an F.A. Cup Final since the War?

HANIFULLAH KHAN,

WEST MALAYSIA

Not only has there been only one replay since the Second World War—there's been only one since before the FIRSTI

In 1970, Chelsea beat Leeds 2-1 in an Old Trafford replay after a 2-2 draw at Wembley. Both games needed extratime, too.

For the previous replay, you have to go back to 1912 — when Barnsley beat West Bromwich 1-0 after a 0-0 draw. And, curiously, in view of the long time-lag before the next, this was the third season running that a replay had been necessary.

been necessary.

Since the F.A. Cup started in the 1871-72 season, there have been only nine replays all told — in 1875, 1876, 1886, 1901, 1902, 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1970.

Irish 'table toppers

My friends and I play "Subbuteo", and want to use clubs from the Irish League — but we can't find out all their names. Can you help?

GLEN MARSHALL, SHEFFIELD

Well, Glen, this is the order in which they finished-up in the Irish League table last season — Glentoran, Glena-von, Linfield, Coleraine, Larne, Crusad-ers, Ards, Portadown, Ballymena, Distil-lery, Bangor, and Cliftonville.

Pitches galore

I've seen an aerial photograph of London's Hackney Marshes — and it seems nothing but football pitches as far as the eye can see! Is this the largest concentration of them in the world?

DOMINIC TASSELL, AUSTRALIA

● They've got a few places a bit like that in Brazil, Dominic, but my money would still very much be on our Marshes as being easily the biggest. They say that more than 2,000 foot-ballers are in action there at the same time some weekends.

13-0 for County

I'd like to know, please, when it was that my local club beat Halifax 13-0? KEITH ROBINS, STOCKPORT

● It was on 6th January, 1934, Keith, in the old Third Division (North).

That made Stockport the first of the only three clubs to have scored 13 goals in a Football League game.

The others have been Tranmere — who beat Oldham 13-4 in the same Division on 26th December, 1935 — and Newcastle who beat Newport 13-0, in Division Two, on 5th October, 1946.



Cardiff won the F.A. Cup in 1926-27, and were First Division runners-up three seasons

(BYRON EVANS, Ammanford)

Highest Brentford have ever finished in Division One is fifth in 1935-36; furthest they've reached in the F.A. Cup is the Sixth Round in 1938, 1946, and 1949.

(TONY GREEN, Isleworth)

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BUROPEAN ROUNDAUR

TIES INVOLVING CLUBS FROM BRITAIN AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

JUST ABOUT the only thing one can say with certainty about the First Rounds of the European competitions is Liverpool will definitely be in Round Two.

The European Champions were given a bye in the First Round . . . and they weren't very pleased.

and they weren't very pleased.

As the draw was seeded, there was no danger of The Reds being drawn against one of the strong sides — say, Juventus and running the risk of being knocked out. So they have been robbed of a gate of around 30,000 — and revenue.

Liverpool aren't exactly hard up, but not even the mighty Reds like to lose "guaranteed" cash like

The overall news for Britain and the Republic of Ireland may be gloomy.

From the clubs playing, around half-a-dozen seem certain to fall at the first hurdle, while a further five or six face very tricky ties. Which leaves, if you like, only four "certs" plus Liverpool.

In the European Cup, CELTIC won't have any trouble with the amateurs of Luxembourg's Jeunesse Esch. Manager Jock Stein will drum into his men not to be over-confident, yet deep down

EUROPEAN CUP

Celtic/Jeunesse Esch. Red Star/Sligo Rovers Valur/Glentoran (Liverpool — bye)

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Saint-Etienne/Man. Utd. Rangers/FC Twente Hajduk Split/Dundalk Coleraine/Loko. Leipzig Cardiff/Austria Vienna

Saint-Etienne against MANCHESTER UNITED

"Les Verts" have many admirers over here following their games against Bayern Munich and Liverpool in the past two years.

They've lost their influential captain Larque now and United, who dearly want to restore European glory to Old Trafford, look to have too many guns for the French.

Having overcome Switzerland's Young Boys in the Preliminary Round, RANGERS will be hard-pressed to beat FC Twente of Holland.

Twente are regarded as a "sub-top" team in Holland, but everyone knows the quality of U.E.F.A. CUP

Bohemians/Newcastle Fenerbahce/Aston Villa Dundee Utd./KB Copenhagen RWDM/Aberdeen PSV/Glenabon Landskrona Bois/Ipswich Man. City/Lodz

Ties to be played on September 14th, return legs on September 28th.

against The Clown . . . Jan Tomaszewski, the Poland goalkeeper who certainly had the last laugh on his English critics a few years ago.

Jan will be at Maine Road with Lodz, but City will probably put more goals past him than the England forwards could four years ASTON VILLA could have had a much easier start to their Euro bid than Fenerbahce. If Villa can hold the Turks to one goal, their firepower at home should see them through.

BOHEMIANS' fans have been looking forward to the visit of NEWCASTLE since the draw was made. We hope they're not let down — we doubt if they will be, but The Magpies are certain to win

IPSWICH should have a comfortable passage against Landskrona Bois, while DUNDEE UNITED will be favourites to beat KB Copenhagen.

KB Copenhagen.
GLENAVON'S task against PSV of Eindhoven will be more to keep the score down, but any travelling fans are in for a warm reception. PSV have heated seats in their stadium now.



the Celts know they'll be in the Second Round with LIVERPOOL

SLIGO ROVERS will be running into the great Dragan Dzajic, now back with Red Star of Belgrade after a spell in France.

The experience of playing against the crack Yugoslavs will be good for the Irishmen and the fans will have the chance to see one of Europe's most famous club sides in action.

GLENTORAN stand an excellent chance of advancing. Icelandic Champions Valur from Reykjavik will no doubt be well-organised and fit, but Glentoran have it in them to win.

There are some close ties in the Cup-Winners' Cup and the pick is Dutch football and the Enschende side will be a severe test for the Light Blues.

CARDIFF CITY have a tricky tie against Austria Vienna, but the Welshmen could possess too much fire for the Austrians.

Bad news for Ireland.
Realistically, neither DUNDALK
nor COLERAINE stand much
chance of beating HAJDUK SPLIT
or LOKO. LEIPZIG. Again, some
consolation can be taken from the
fact Irish supporters have the
opportunity to see two
well-known Euro teams.
The U.E.F.A. Cup is always

keenly-fought with so many sides competing, and its extra round. MANCHESTER CITY will be up



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my soccer scene

GORDON HILL

'm confident of Manchester United making a bigger impression in Europe this season than we did in the U.E.F.A. Cup last term.

As you may recall, we beat Ajax in the First Round and then lost to Juyentus in the Second.

Perhaps United were not quite ready for Europe last season, especially having to play against such crack sides so early in the competition

This season, though, United are more than equipped for the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Our new manager Dave Sexton is no "foreigner" to the Continental style of play. In fact, he adapted it to good effect at his previous club Q.P.R. And he won the Cup-Winners' Cup for Chelsea in 1971.

Also, United are a year older and more experienced. We will know what to expect this time.

We learned three valuable lessons in last season's U.E.F.A. Cup . . . to be ruthless, concentrate harder and to be patient.

Against the Continentals you must not be intimidated or thrown out of your stride.

Continental forwards seldom

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Liverpool boss Bob Paisley said recently that the European Cup was won because his team played the waiting game . . . built up attacks slowly and pounced when the opposition flagged, or lost concentration for a moment.

United won't change their attacking policy, but we'll slow things down a little to ensure that we're tighter at the back.

These will probably be Dave Sexton's tactics in our First Round, first-leg Cup-Winners' Cup-tie against St.-Etienne next Wednesday (Sept. 14th).

French football is enjoying a revival at the moment. St.-Etienne, Champions for three seasons in succession until deposed by Nantes last term, began putting their country back on the soccer map with that

tremendous performance against Bayern Munich in the 1976 European Cup Final at Hampden Park.

They were beaten 1-0, but most critics outside West Germany thought the best team had lost.

Then, of course, most of you will remember their European Cup Quarter-Final against Liverpool last season.

St.-Etienne won the first-leg at home 1-0, but were beaten 3-1 in a thrilling return at Anfield.

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If St.-Etienne hit the form displayed by France on their recent South American tour, then United could be in for trouble next week.

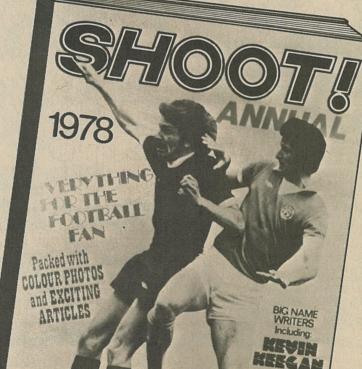
They drew 0-0 with Argentina and 2-2 against Brazil. After the match in

Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian officials described France as "one of the best European sides we've ever played".

I don't believe any of the St.-Etienne players were in action against Brazil. Stars such as Dominique Rocheteau, who came on as a substitute for the last ten minutes or so in the European Cup Final last year and almost snatched victory, midfielder Dominique Bathenay, who scored twice against Liverpool last season, or club-captain Jean-Michel Larque.

I must confess I don't really know a great deal about St.-Etienne. Only what I've seen of them on TV or read . . . but SHOOT reader John

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How, who lives in Beau Bassins on the Island of Mauritius apparently

He wrote to me recently enclosing a detailed dossier on their players, information he hoped would prove useful to United.

John says: "St.-Etienne never give up until the final whistle. They play a simple attacking game, at home

and away."
H'mm. Seems as though they are
the Manchester United of France. Anyhow, John continues: "Their goalkeeper Yvan Curkovic strays off

Dominique Rocheteau, th superstar who likes a quiet life.

his line, so be ready to chip balls over his head.

"Rocheteau dribbles well, but when marked closely is useless. Defender Oswaldo Piazza — the famous Argentinian international is a rough player, so be careful. And right-back Gerard Janvion, who will probably be marking you, loves to attack."

Thanks very much, John, although I'm sure Dave Sexton is aware of St.-Etienne's strengths and

Proof of their ability to fight back came in the French Cup recently. They lost the Semi-Final first-leg 3-0 at Nantes, but won the return at home 5-1. They went on to beat Rheims in the Final 2-1.

Although they seem pretty formidable on their own ground, I'm glad United have to travel for the first-leg. We'll then know what we have to do to win through in the second-leg at Old Trafford.

With both sides committed to attack next week's match should be a fine one. Like all away teams in

a fine one. Like all away teams in Europe, United will aim to come home with at least a draw. A onegoal advantage will be considered a tremendous achievement.

I hope the injury-prone Domini-que Rocheteau plays, although I realise his skills will present a real

danger. At 22, he is a superstar in France and one of the reasons why football in the country has emerged from the doldrums.

the doldrums.

Like me, Dominique prefers to get away from it all when he's not playing. I read that as soon as coach Robert Herbin calls a halt to the day's training, or a home match is over, he's off in his Volkswagen to his home in the hills, 25 miles from St.-Etienne.

There he lives in almost total se-clusion with his younger brother, two dogs and guitar. Apparently Dominique loves music and is quite an accomplished player.

Mind you, I hope he and the rest

of his team-mates will be out of tune next week.

Anyhow, enough of St.-Etienne, because we've another tough match to think about . . . United v. Man-

chester City at Maine Road this

Saturday (Sept. 10th).

The last time we lost to City was in a League Cup-tie back in Novem-

ber, 1975.

the night I signed on for United.

Last season we beat them 3-1 at
Maine Road, with goals from Stevie
Coppell, Dave McCreery and Gerry Daly

The tide must turn for City one day — I just hope it's not this season.

Mike Channon could well provide the last link in manager Tony Book's chain. He must make a sub-

stantial contribution to a team already brimming with talent. I know many of the City players quite well because of international calls. Also coach Bill Taylor, the Scot who was part of Don Revie's backroom squad.

As much as I admire the men from Maine Road I'll obviously be hoping for another United victory on Saturday.

But whatever the result you can be sure of one thing ... a real crackerjack of a game.

See you next week. Take care . . .



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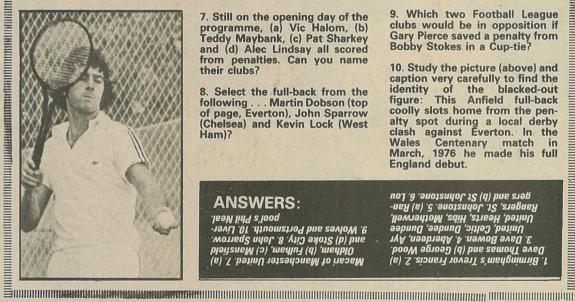
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- 1. Can you identify the tennis-playing First Division superstar (bottom of page)?
- 2. Everton recently splashed out around £340,000 for two players. Which star moved to Goodison Park from (a) Queens Park Rangers and (b) Blackpool?
- 3. Who was manager of Wales before Mike Smith was appointed? (clue: he is generalmanager at Northampton.)
- 4. Can you name at least five of the ten clubs which formed the very first Scottish Premier Division at the start of the 1975-76
- 5. In that first term who finished the campaign as (a) Champions and (b) bottom of the Division?
- 6. On the first Saturday of the Football League, August 20th, only one player scored a hat-trick . . . who is he?







- 7. Still on the opening day of the programme, (a) Vic Halom, (b) Teddy Maybank, (c) Pat Sharkey and (d) Alec Lindsay all scored from penalties. Can you name
- 8. Select the full-back from the following . . . Martin Dobson (top of page, Everton), John Sparrow (Chelsea) and Kevin Lock (West
- Which two Football League clubs would be in opposition if Gary Pierce saved a penalty from Bobby Stokes in a Cup-tie?
- 10. Study the picture (above) and caption very carefully to find the identity of the blacked-out figure: This Anfield full-back coolly slots home from the penalty spot during a local derby clash against Everton. In the Wales Centenary match in March, 1976 he made his full England debut.

ANSWERS:

Jean ling s'loog Macari of Manchester United. 7. (a) Oldham, (b) Fulham, (c) Mansfield and (d) Stoke City. 8. John Sparrow. 9. Wolves and Portsmouth. 10 Liver! 10 Portsmouth. (a) S. rinenthaw's Trevor Francis. S. (a) Devories Wood. Dave Thomas and (b) George Wood. S. Dave Bowen. A. Aberdeen, Ayr. United, Hearts, Hibs, Motherwell, Rency, St. Johnstone. 5. (a) Randaments, St. Johnstone. 5. (a) Randaments, St. Johnstone. 5. (b) Randaments. St. Johnstone. 6. Lou

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Jumbled Name: KEVIN BEATTIE.

